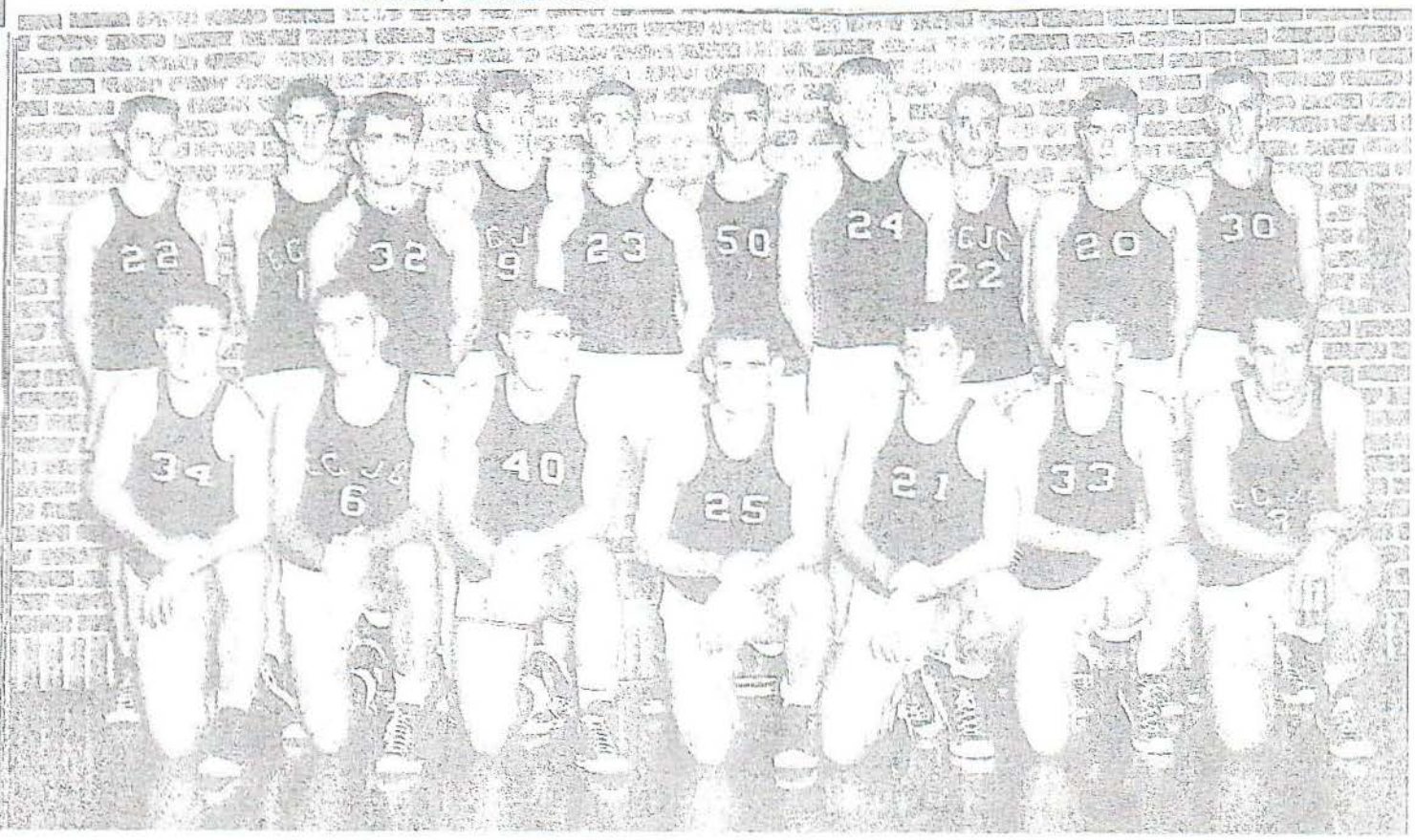


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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 212

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE LADY WARRIORS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 1988-1989 SEASON.

WHEREAS, the East Central Community College Lady Warriors Basketball Team finished the 1988-1989 season with an outstanding record of 18 wins and 8 losses; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors did very well in tournament play this year, winning the 1989 South State Championship, finishing third in the Region 23 Basketball Tournament and finishing fourth in the State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, many individual honors have been bestowed upon various team members in recognition of their fine, dedicated play, including the naming of Deborah Blaylock to the Region 23 All-Tournament Team, and the selection of Pam Green, Faye McDonald and Umeki Edwards to the Second Team All-State Squad; and

WHEREAS, Pam Green and Faye McDonald were selected as All-Stars and will be playing in the 1989 Mississippi Community College All-State Classic; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors have been well coached and inspired

by Sammy Pace, who has broadened the players' knowledge of the game and refined their skills in execution; and

WHEREAS, during one point in the season, the Lady Warriors were ranked third in the nation by the National Junior College Athletic Association; and

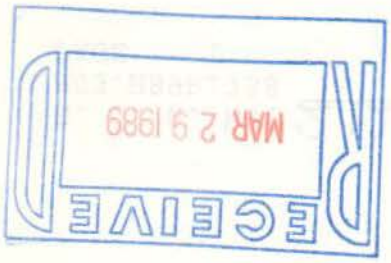
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ST: Commend East Central Community College Lady Warrior Basketball Team.



WHEREAS, the Lady Warriors have developed a winning and cooperative spirit and a high degree of sportsmanship, and their activities and attitude reflect a great credit upon the individual players and their coach and bring honor to their school; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize and commend excellence, especially when evidenced by the youth of our state, who are its future:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate the East Central Community College Lady Warriors Basketball Team and their coach, Sammy Pace, for their outstanding 1988-1989 season and for displaying tireless devotion to their athletic endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to East Central Community College, Coach Sammy Pace and members of the Capitol Press Corps.

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ECCC tumbles in finale

Lady Warriors fall in NJCAA tourney

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

SALINA, Kan. — The East Central Community College Lady Warriors picked a bad time for a cold shooting performance.

Playing in the seventh-place game in the NJCAA Division I Women's National Championship, the Lady Warriors shot just 28.8 percent from the floor and 40 percent from the free-throw line Saturday in losing 58-48 to the College of Southern Idaho.



Hodge

ECCC finished 31-4 and placed eighth in the country for Region 23's best showing of the 2000s. The 31 wins are a school record. Saturday's 48 points are a season low.

The Lady Warriors made just 19-of-66 field goal tries and were 4-of-10 at the free-throw line. CSI held a 46-39 advantage on the boards and shot 40.7 percent (22-of-54) from the floor and 90 percent (9-of-10) from the line.

"As many shots that were missed, there were definitely going to be some rebounds," ECCC head coach Brad Hodge said. "But if you shoot 28 percent for the game and 40 percent at the free-throw line, you don't deserve to win.

"We were fortunate it was four points with 45 seconds left. We just didn't capitalize on our opportunities. The problem is we just can't simulate 6-foot-5 (Denisa Svarova) and 6-foot-6 (Lenka Zimova) inside.

"They packed that zone in and we couldn't knock down some open 3-point shots when we needed to. That rim gets a little tighter when that happens."

Southern Idaho's Meliame Halaufia scored the game's first four points and the Lady Warriors chased the Golden Eagles the rest of the afternoon.

CSI, 29-7, held a 10-3 advantage five minutes into the game.

ECCC closed to within 10-8 on a 3-pointer from Kim Cox with 14:44 to go in the half and a driving layup by Cox

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CSI went up 45-34 on a 3-pointer from Zimova with 9:07 left in the game.

ECCC closed to within 45-38 on a basket from Rita Birden and a steal and layup by Cox with 7:49 to go.

The Golden Eagles pulled out to their biggest lead of the game at 52-34 on a 3-pointer from Andrea Sivakova of Slovakia with 3:51 showing. ECCC went scoreless for four minutes, 46 seconds until Bender made a free throw with 3:03 left.

Bender's shot sparked a 10-0 ECCC run that pulled the Lady Warriors to within 52-48 with 45 seconds still remaining. During the Lady Warrior run, Kimyatta Viverette scored two baskets, the first of which came after she battled for a pair of offensive boards. Bender closed the run with a 3-pointer from just left of the top of the key.

CSI made all six of its free throws over the final 44 seconds to seal the win.

Bender led ECCC with 10 points and five rebounds. Cox had nine points and three steals. Lenore Gray had seven points, seven rebounds, and three steals. Viverette had four points, eight rebounds, three assists, two blocks, and two steals. Kristin Chaney had five points, three rebounds, three assists.

"I told the group they had nothing to be ashamed of," Hodge said. "After all the other games we've lost, I've told them I hoped it stung a little bit. Let's don't let this one sting long because this sophomore group has done an outstanding job with their leadership this year. They should be highly commended for the job they've done.

"To go 31-4 with the group we had is pretty spectacular. We finished in the top eight in the country. Our objective was to find a way to play Saturday and we did that.

"I'm very proud of what these ladies have done. They've made me a better coach. They're pretty special."

Sidney Orndorff led CSI with 13 points, 11 rebounds, and four assists. Halaufia had 12 points, while Zimova had 11 points, 11 rebounds, and three blocks.

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ECCC Lady Warriors End Season Going Deep In Playoffs

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SALINA, Kan.—A championship season has come to an end for the East Central Community College Lady Warriors who were outscored 89-75 by Shelton State Community College in an elimination game Thursday in the NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball National Championship.

No. 13 seed East Central, which advanced to the national competition as the Region 23 champion, fell victim to a barrage of three-pointers by the twelfth-seeded Lady Buccaneers, who made 13 of 26 shots from beyond the arc.

The Lady Warriors, who finished 22-8 under third-year head coach Bill Smith, were led by Rashima Jenkins who pumped in 21 points. Also scoring for EC were Mystee Dale, 19; Tawayatha Evans, 15; Tanesha Brown, 14; and Allison Phillips, six.

EC was five of nine (55.6 percent) from three-point range. Brown made four of eight attempts and Dale was successful on her only attempt.

The Lady Warriors trailed 42-36 at the break.

East Central began competition in the double-elimination tournament by falling 74-48 Wednesday to No. 4 seed Southeastern Illinois Community College.

ECCC 48, Southeastern 74

SALINA, Kan.—East Central Community College raced out to a early 17-point lead but the Lady Warriors were simply no match for fourth-seeded Southeastern Illinois Community College which rallied in a big way for a 74-48 blowout today in first-round action of the 2008 NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship.

Brown had 19 points, including five three-pointers, to lead ECCC scorers against Southeastern. Also scoring were Jenkins, 14; Dale, 12; and Evans, three.

EC held a 36-33 advantage at halftime.

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Hello East Central Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Friends,

Wow!!! What a wonderful experience this has been for us. The support and kind remarks have been overwhelming. I only wish this could last forever or at least be captured in a bottle and saved for next season. What these ladies have accomplished is nothing short of spectacular and there is no way possible they could have done this without your support. Although, we knew at the beginning there were some possibilities of great accomplishment, this far outreaches any expectations and we "Thank You". I was very happy when we won the South Division Championship - how could I have known that we would win the State and Region Championship all in the same season while winning 22 straight games. It is a good thing they don't listen to the coach very well. What they have done is a true testament if you "shoot for the moon" and don't loose focus, good things will happen - even if you miss you can still grab a few stars in the process.

Through this experience, I have gained a greater appreciation of being a "Warrior". The pride that has been displayed by many of you has made me appreciate my job even more and I am honored to associated with such a wonderful group of people. This pride and support has fueled me to do the best job I possible can so that we can represent such a fine community.

As we prepare to depart and have the opportunity to play for a National Championship, we truly appreciate the support we have received. In our preparations, we will remind ourselves that we are representing a first class group of people, who are waving their flags of encouragement, and the entire state of Mississippi. Our best effort will be there and WE won't let you down!!!

To those of you who have called or emailed, I apologize for my delay in responding - I have definitely broken my 48 hour rule! Those of you who instruct in the English Department, please do not read this with a critical eye - it took my 6 attempts to get through Comp's.

Again, Thank You.

Go Warriors,
Brad Hodge



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Presentation of Rings.....Brad Hodge

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2003-04 Lady Warriors

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Kotreece Bender-Newton High School
Rita Birden-St. Fredrick High School, Monroe, La.
Britney Burkes-Scott Central High School
Kristin Chaney-Newton County High School
Kim Cox-Lake High School
Lenore Gray-Newton High School
Ebone'e Leverette-Forest High School
Hope Murray-West Jones High School
Monique Overstreet-South Leake High School
Roxana Rogers-Lake High School
Miranda Rosar-Neshoba Central High School
Kimyatta Viverette-Lake High School

Student Assistants

Andrea Chesney-Newton County Academy
Ashley Clark-Starkville Academy
Courtney Yates-Nanih Waiya High School

Athletic Trainer

Derrick Jones-Rush Sports Medicine Team

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Lucille Wood is honored

DECATUR — After leading her team to the 1979 State Championship, Miss Lucille Wood was named "Coach of the Year in Women's Junior Colleg eBasketball". This is the first year junior college coaches have been included by the Mississippi Association of Coaches.

Miss Wood attended East Central Junior College after graduation from Louisville High School. She holds the B.S. and Master's degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and has done advanced work at Mississippi State University and USM.

After receiving her degree at USM, Miss Wood taught at Copah-Lincoln Junior College and came to ECJC in 1956. In the earlier years, ECJC always had a club type basketball team and played against other schools and independent teams. In 1968, Miss Wood along with the coaches from Mississippi University for Women, Golf Coast and Hinds organized a basketball association for colleges in Mississippi. East Central participated in this organization until they joined with other junior colleges and became a part of the Mississippi Junior College Association in 1975.

During this period, Miss Wood's teams won the State Championship in 1968, 1970 and 1973 as a club team and in 1976 and 1979 as a member of the Mississippi Junior College Association.

Her teams won second place in the state in 1977 and third place in 1978. In 1973, they attended the AIAW Regional Tournament and the National Junior College Region VII Tournament in 1977, 1978 and 1979.

Last year Miss Wood served as a coach for the first Junior College All-Star game. She was among the 22 finalists in the nation for Junior College Coach of the Year. This year she served on the National Junior College Coach of the Year Selection Committee and is the newly elected president of the Junior College Women's Basketball Association in Mississippi.

Miss Wood along with other "Coaches of the Year" will be honored at a banquet in July, during the All-Star Week.



Lucille Wood

The age at which the first tooth comes in can vary greatly with babies. Some babies are born with teeth, some acquire the first at three months and most do by seven months but it's not al all unusual for a baby to have no teeth till a year or more.

Library Lines

Non-fiction we have on the reference shelves include a new Mississippi Manufacturers Directory published by the Mississippi Research & Development Center.

A book in which readers will find themselves challenged by this incisive account from which they will certainly learn is "Making Medical Choices" by Jane J. Stein, with a preface by David A. Hamburg, M.D. The book presents a clear and up-to-date report on the life and death questions that confront us all, patients and doctors alike, with the advent of recent dramatic but often perplexing and frightening technological developments in medicine. Through intensive research and interviews with doctors, patients, their families, and others intimately involved in health care, the author has written a highly informative book that poses many questions....questions many of us may not have known to ask.

"Catch You Later", a autobiography of Johnny Bench, by Johnny Bench and William Brashler tells the story of the 31 year old baseball player and how for 14 years he has achieved almost everything that can be hoped for the professional baseball game. He makes pro baseball come alive for the reader.

The eleventh edition of "The Kovels' Complete Antique Price List" with over 700 illustrations, current prices fo 45,000 entries, including 1,500 pressed glass patters. Ralph and Terry Kovel are also the authors of "Know Your Antiques".

Photography is an art as well as a profession and Ansel Adams' book, "Polaroid Land Photography", should be one that will be read with interest. The book, originally published in 1963, now appears in a totally revised and updated edition, covering the entire range of Polaroid photography from the SX-70 and other automatic cameras to the professional 4 x 5 and 8 x 10 formats.

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ECJC AWARDS—Team girls' basketball awards given at the recent All-Sports Banquet at East Central Junior College, they were (From L. to R.) Joyce Watkins, Lake, Most Improved; Charlene Jones, Forest, Co-Captain; Ester Thomas, Louisville, Best Offense; Carla Halley, Morton, Co-Captain; Irma Johnson, Forest, Spirit Award. (Not pictured is Bobbie Collier, South Lake, Best Defense and Warriorette Award.)

Lucille Wood honored f

Various honors were recently presented to former East Central Community College coach Lucille Wood in recognition of her 43 years of service to community/junior college athletics.

Wood, who continues to serve as physical education and educational instructor at East Central, recently completed a 10-year tenure as Region 23 (Mississippi-Louisiana) director for women athletics.

She was honored for her service by region coaches and athletic directors who presented her with an official National Junior College Athletic Association Region Directors' pendant and necklace at the annual Mississippi Coaches' Clinic earlier in Jackson.

And, she was recognized at the recent NJCAA meeting in Phoenix, Ariz..., where she was presented a plaque "in appreciation for many years of devoted leadership in the NJCAA."

In addition, the Women's Division presented her with an autographed softball signed by all Association members.

The NJCAA honored Coach Wood in 1990 by presenting her with a Certificate of Service award, awarded to only 3 recipients from throughout the nation on an annual basis.

Wood was also presented a plaque of appreciation from softball and basketball coaches at the Region 23 softball and basketball tournaments held last spring.

Wood, a longtime women's basketball and women and men's tennis coach at East Central and Copiah-Lincoln community colleges, is credited with being a leader in helping provide women the opportunity to participate in varsity sports and receive scholarships.

In 1953-54, while coaching tennis at Co-Lin, Wood, along with Bill Oaks of Hinds Community College, and Curtis Davis of Gulf Coast, established the first juco tennis organization for the state. She joined the ECCC staff in 1956.

Wood served as president of the State Women Coaches' Association in 1975, the first year basketball scholarships were awarded to women and the sport was recognized by the Mississippi Community/Junior College Association.

She coached the first women's All-Star basketball game in 1977-78 and was chosen "Coach of the Year" in 1978-79 by the Mississippi Association of Coaches.

She served on the NJCAA Tennis, Track and Field Committee and was chairperson of the All-American Committee for numerous years.

For eight years she was chairperson of the Slow-Pitch Softball Committee, during which time she represented the NJCAA at the National Softball Tournament and headed the All-American Committee for Softball.

In recognition of Wood's successful career as coach and player at East Central, she was inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986.

The Brackeen-Wood physical education building on the Decatur campus is named in her honor and former ECCC All-American basketball player Denver Brackeen.

A Louisville native, Wood is a graduate of East Central Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi, where she received bachelor's and master's degrees. She completed additional studies at the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University and USM.

Wood's successor as Region 23 director for Women Athletics is Katie Herrington, women's basketball coach at Jones County Junior College.

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Basketball Camp:

Learning Can Be Fun Too

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By SAMANTHA REED

E.C.J.C. at Decatur was sponsoring a basketball camp from July 12—17. Lucille Wood, a coach at E.C.J.C., told our coach (Don Caldwell) and a lot of other coaches from other schools about it and for them to ask if their players are interested in going. We had 2 weeks to sign up and it cost $75 to go. Our coaches told us we would get a shirt for a souvenir, and it would be our game shirt. It would get washed every night after our game.



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I signed up because I thought it would be fun, and I wanted to learn more about basketball than I already knew.

When we got to camp (you had to ride in your own cars) we all got unpacked and then later that afternoon we got a key to our dorm. At 6:30 that night we had a meeting, and then later on that night we had devotion. We were supposed to be in bed by 11:00, but some nights they checked rooms at 10:30 or 11:00.

That morning we woke up at 6:30 or 7:00 and went to eat breakfast. When we got back from breakfast we rested for about 30 minutes and then we went to do some stretches and praticed basketball awhile at the new gym until 11:30. Then at 12:00 we ate lunch. Then, we got an hour break or longer. After our break we went and practiced again. They put us on teams to play on every night. That night we had devotion, and had it every night. Everybody went to bed pretty early that night.

The next day we went through the same procedures, but that night we had a game and was going to have one every night. Before devotion Tuesday night we went to get some ice cream at a little stand down the road. We went through this every day except Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday we had a talent show, and Thursday we started individual events. Then that night we went to the ice cream stand again.

Friday we ate breakfast then we played our last game that morning at 10:30. Friday afternoon we had playoffs in the individual events, then they gave out ribbons and trophies.

All 95 girls enjoyed it and the reasons they did is staying up late and running down the halls during the night, just being with all these people that you don't even know, but at the end you know every one of them. That was fun.

One day a lady took pictures of all the teams representing each school. There were 6 different schools there. Everyday we shot 10 free shots and it was really fun only shooting 10 of them and only making 2 or 3. The highest made out of 10 was 9. It was really fun, and you learned a lot.



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Wood named to ECJC Hall of Fame

On Oct. 18, at its annual homecoming celebration, East Central Junior College will honor one of its former athletes and coaches. Lucille Wood, an outstanding coach and teacher, has been chosen by an Alumni Committee as the 1986 inductee into the E.C.J.C. Athletic Hall of Fame.

Coach Wood was born and raised in the Calvary Community of Winston County. She is the daughter of the late George and Edna Myres Wood of Winston County and has a brother, Jim Wood, and a sister, Lorene Wood, who both reside in the Calvary Community.

A graduate of Louisville High School and E.C.J.C., Wood holds the B.S. and M.A. degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. She has earned 60 semester hours beyond the Masters in Education and Guidance Education.

Coach Wood was an outstanding athlete at Louisville High School where she lettered in both basketball and track and was chosen Best Female Athlete her senior year. Later as a student at E.C.J.C. she lettered two years in tennis and basketball. Her athletic skills continued at the University of Southern Mississippi where she was selected Outstanding Intramural Coach and was Outstanding Female Athlete Runner-up.

Before returning to E.C.J.C. to teach in 1956, she coached and taught at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College in Wesson.

Wood was recognized as an outstanding pioneer in College Women's Athletics in Mississippi, having been instrumental in setting-up the present junior college tennis program and re-instating women's basketball as an organized sport in

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1970. The Mississippi Junior College Association officially recognized basketball as a sport in 1975 and girls received scholarships for the first time since 1954.

E.C.J.C. Girls' Basketball, under Coach Wood, were State Champions in 1970, 1973, 1976 and 1979; Division Champions in 1976, 1979, 1980; and took the teams to the Regions Tournament in 1973, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1985.

In addition to coaching basketball, Wood coached tennis at E.C.J.C. for over 20 years. She was able to take students with little or no tennis training and compete in the junior college league. She produced state champions one time in doubles and four times in singles. Between the years of 1970 and 1985, 21 of her basketball players were chosen All-State, All-Region, and-or All-American teams.

Other athletic leadership roles include serving on the National Year. That same year she was a top 20 finalist for National Junior Coach of the Year.

The 1986 Hall of Fame inductee has excelled in numerous professional endeavors outside the athletic arena. She is currently serving as President of the E.C.J.C. Faculty Club for the second time. She has served as President of the E.C.J.C. Alumni Association and was chosen as the Alumnus of the Year in 1964.

Wood is listed in Who's Who In the South and Southwest and Who's Who of American Women. She has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International since 1962.

A former player of Coach Wood, now a coach in a Mississippi high school, summed up Wood's contributions in this way: "Lucille Wood certainly has the credentials, both as an athlete and a coach, to make her deserving of this honor. But winning alone in sports is of little value if a player does not learn to give unselfishly of herself, to help others, and to contribute to society. These qualities have always been instilled by this great coach into her players and students."

Former players, students, and fellow coaches are invited to homecoming at ECJC to assit in honoring Coach Wood at 12 noon in Mabry Cafeteria on the campus.

Coach of the Year Selection Committee; Region seven and Region 23 Women's Basketball Committee; President of the Mississippi Junior College Coaches Association. Wood was the first Junior College All-Star Coach in 1978, and later coached the All-Stars in 1981 and 1985.

In 1979, she was chosen Mississippi Junior College Coach of the Year by the Junior College Association and the Mississippi Association of Coaches Coach of the

Lucille Wood

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Pace sets high goals for ECJC

By Bryan Murphy MRVF-161

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Samuel Pace, new women's coach at East Central Junior College, climbed a rocky road to get into the coaching ranks, but once he got there he reached the peak. Pace won the State Championship Class BB Womens' title his last year at Scott Central High in 1979.

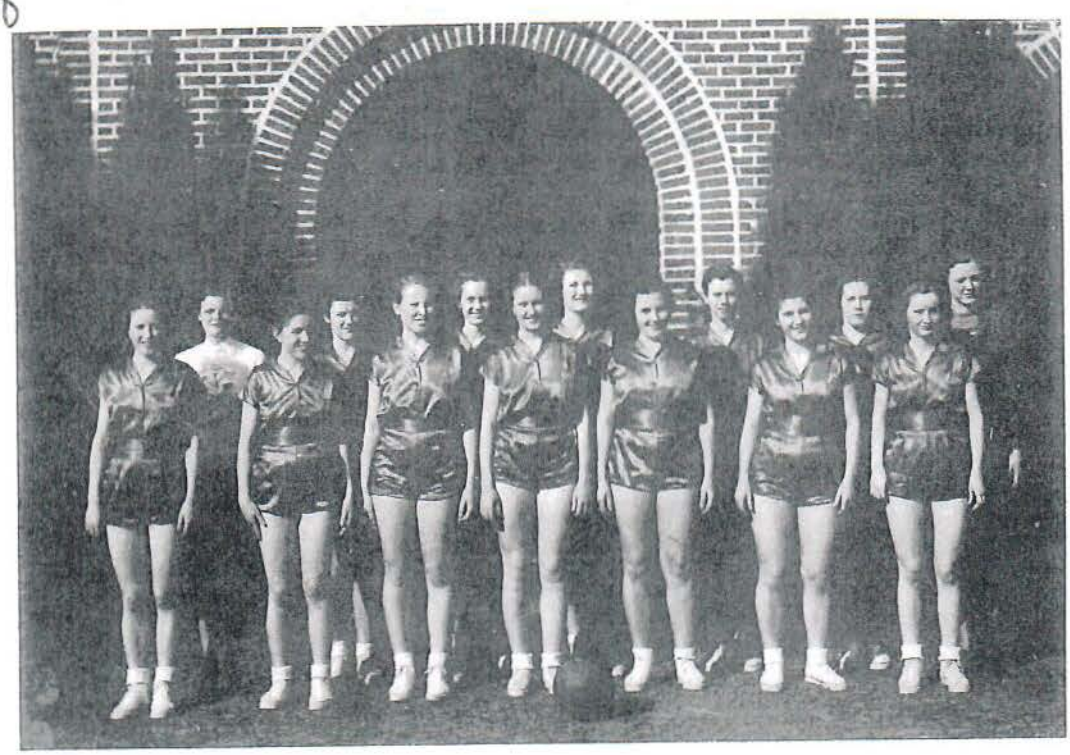
"It was really a difficult thing for me to get into coaching," Pace said. Pace had recieved a Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi State upon graduation in 1971. "My first position was naturally, teaching science, but I wanted to also get into cooaching. The Moss Point admininstration wasn't going to let me coach, their position was that only Physical Education majors could coach."

Pace learned of an opening at Hickory High and quickly applied. Shortly afterwards, Pace was teaching science at Hickory. His break was that while there, he met Richard Harris, longtime coach of both the mens and womens high school teams. Pace coached junior high and became an assistant coach under Harris.

"I feel fotunate to have been associated with Coach Harris, he taught me a lot," Pace said. During his second year at Hickory he took over the men's basketball team. "Coach Harris thought it was getting to be a bit much coaching both the men and women's teams, so I got my chance at high school coaching. I promptly had a losing season."

His second men's team turned it around which led to Scott Central. Pace took over as men and women's high school coach in the fall of 1975 and stayed there four seasons. His men's team had

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GIRLS BASKETBALL SQUAD

Gordon, Miss Kirkwood, Coach, Jordan, Sheppherd, Rea, Johnson, Culberson, Hemphill, Mills, Fleming, Walker, Boutwell, Harris, K. Gordon, Trainer.

The Girls squad completed the season with a record of thirteen victories and eight losses with one game ending in a tie. Special recognition goes to Iloise Johnson who in '37 made second all-state and in '38 made first all-state teams. Fleming made all-state in '37. Special mention must also be given Miss Gladys Kirkwood for her excellent work with the girls.

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Decatur 38	Ellisville 19
Decatur 31	Goodman 33
Decatur 34	Goodman 39
Decatur 27	Perkinston 27
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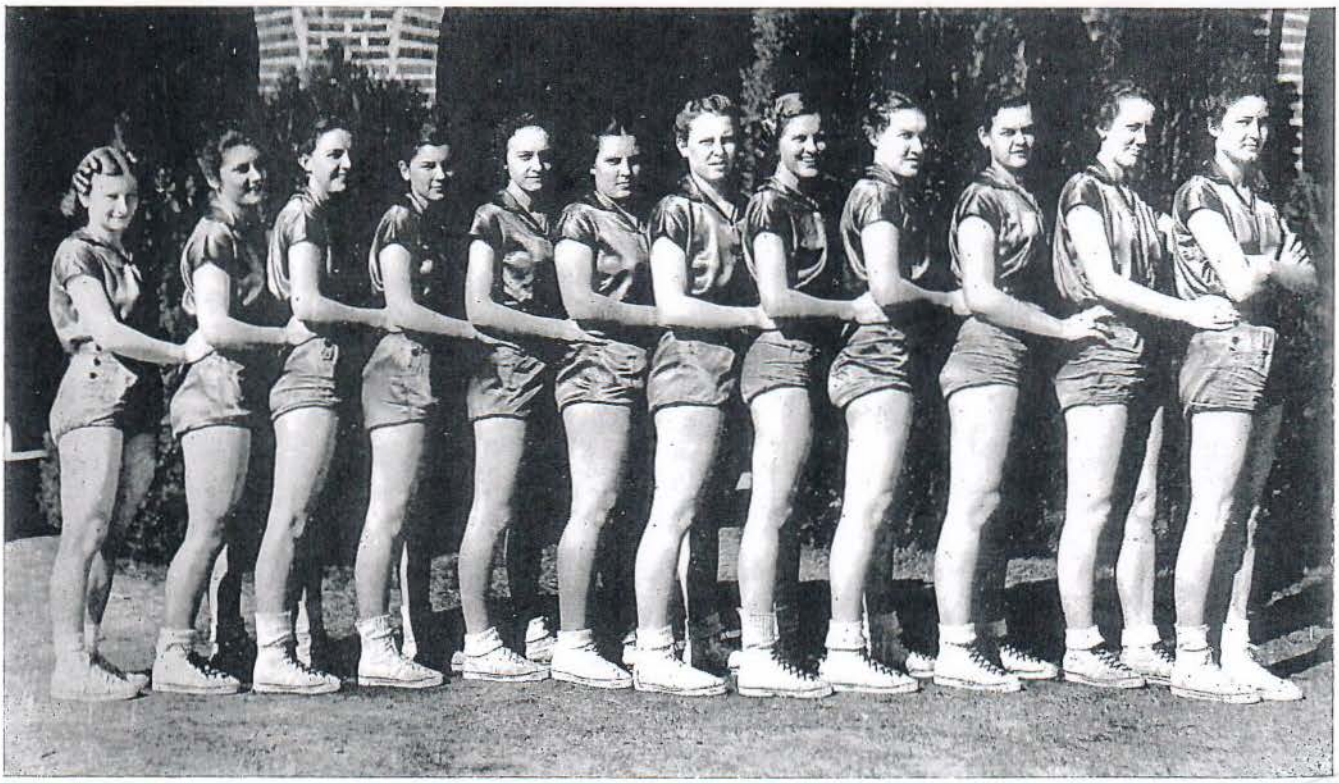
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MISS ELISE McCALLUM

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CHRISTINE WALKER
STATHA BENNETT
JERRY DAY
CECILE ADKINSON
BESSIE MILLS
JUSTINE REA
DAISEY KATE WILLIAMS
MELBA JEAN EDWARDS
MARY McAFEE
SYBIL FLEMING
LAVERNE HILL



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Players

Hubert Christian, C
Maurice Harrison, G
Van Westbrook, G
Oveat May, F
Houston Shilrey, F
Ozell Hardy, F
Jack Langford, G
Jack Gordon, C
Grady Mullins, G
Lee Wilson, F
Melvin Crane, F
"Happy" Hawthorne, Manager
Snapshort—"In the Air"





BACK ROW: McCallum, Coach; Clay, Williams, Fleming, Edwards, Breckenridge, Crotwell, Graham, Manager.
FRONT ROW: Evans, Gaines, Gray, Day, Bassett, Addkinson.

The Warriorettes

The Decatur Warriorettes, coached by Miss Elise McCallum, ended their season in the usual warrior style by having more victories than losses. The lassies were eliminated from the championship finals by a small margin.

THE SEASON'S SCORES

Decatur		Opponent Score
35	Summit	38
18	Summit	22
30	Goodman	40
27	Goodman	47
48	Scooba	12
26	Ellisville	31
43	Ellisville	48
69	Wesson	54
38	Summit	70

Decatur		Opponent Score
36	Goodman	30
37	Goodman	33
37	Raymond	35
37	Wesson	31
27	Elljsville	48
25	Scooba	23
44	Raymond	32
32	Poplarville	21
33	Poplarville	20



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1942



Left to Right: Clinton Kelly, John Touchstone, Bill Fulton, Hubert Allen, Wallace Ray, "Pete" Shumaker, Raymond Edwards, James Clark, Charles Molpus, Wayne Fondren, James Brasher, Clifford Peden, Bennie Vance Boyles.

BASKETBALL IS IMPORTANT TOO!



Left to Right: Melba Ruth Thornton, Mary Blount, Acie Lee Duke, Ruth Harris, La Neil Coursey, Helen Ray Reeves, Mildred Harris, Geneva Boutwell, Carolyn Harris.

THE PLAY

1. Wayne Fondren—*Gu*
2. Vance Boyles—*Guar*
3. James Clark—*Guard*
4. Clinton Kelly—*For*
5. Lavelle Lightsey—*I*
6. Hubert Allen—*Cent*
 and
 Stanley Pace—*Forw*
7. Charles Molphus—
8. Clifford Peden—*Gu*
9. John Touchstone—
10. Wallace Ray—*Cente*

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50	Ellisville	
54	Ellisville	
39	Poplarville	
42	Poplarville	
61	Scooba	
37	Raymond	

1946



E.C.J.C. Basketball Team Trounces Ellisville

Decatur fans saw two of the best basketball games that were ever played Friday night, February 23, when the Warriors and Warriorettes tangled with the Ellisville teams.

Ellisville beat us several points earlier in the season and ranks at the top in the bracket for the Junior College tournament.

The girls' game proved very interesting. Although the Warriorettes were at a disadvantage because the Ellisville six were so large, they gave them one of the best games they have had. We outplayed the opponents from start to finish. The forwards did exceptionally well on passes, breaks, long shots, and general floor work. Although Ellisville outscored us, our guards really did a wonderful job guarding the six-foot forwards. Our hats are off to the girls. The whole team have done themselves credit this season.

The school spirit really spurred the Warriors on. The boys' team really meant it when they stacked hands on the ball and yelled, "A team that won't be beat, can't be beat."

The E.C.J.C. team claimed the

Mighty Warriors Roll On To Victory

The E.C.J.C. Warriors and Warriorettes have had a very successful season, as we go to press we have only one game remaining of the regular season.

This season has been a very successful one for the boys, who have won 2 out of 7 games played, defeating the top ranking team of the state, the Ellisville Cagers, which now ranks us second in the state. The players are looking forward to the state tournaments and expecting to come out as the state "CHAMPS." All through the season we have seen outstanding playing from all members of the teams; it would be impossible to call any single player's name as all members of the varsity have played outstanding ball.

Our girls were a little late in getting started, but they came through a very satisfactory season. We are very proud of them and wish to express our thanks.

We want to thank the coaches for a very fine job. To Miss Short, coach of the girls' team, and to Mr. James, coach of the boys' team, we express our sincerest appreciation for a very fine job. In short, we are proud of our coaches and teams.

"Johnny o… she wants a double

Charlene, aren't If Otis Belne Hardy in love with you, wh Maxine Eason. Mor

Say, Frances H Chisholm the cause ular attendance at Tuesdays and Thu

Sobs were heard t and were found to b Bonnie Hudson's "Reggie" had been with Gene Smith.

Dale, we wonde nervous last week-e but got your wires Bobby came, but a it rained so she h earlier than she h

Do you suppose aren't getting alon days, for you neve gether, or has it

Bob, you certain bragging about you While passing a g day I heard you s better than any I here.

Bryce Sloan sa have a girl friend to have one, so Gibbs replies, "I t Do you think tha she'd date him?

Katherine Reev excited when ball tioned. I bet the be nearly so excit Hugh didn't go gang?

"Tootsie" Nelso new ring on her reckon you know boys.

Virginia, why up your mind w or Max and give a chance?

So Jack Dear Sunday night, know anything a Lottie would be

Basketball 1947



Back Row—Gwen Watkins, Lottie Edwards, Kathleen Holman, Bobby Jean Johnson, Ruth Crane, Helen Harris, Mary Ann Tabor, Jessie Warren. **Front Row**—Kathleen Robertson, Lorraine McCool, Imogene Johnson, Jo Ward, Ann Leech.

WARRIORETTES

1947 Schedule

Home Games	We	They	Games Away	We	They
Jan. 10—Goodman	25	42	Jan. 24—Poplarville	31	36
Jan. 11—Senatobia	31	29	Jan. 25—Perkinston	29	29
Jan. 17—Raymond	22	47	Feb. 7—Wesson	28	44
Jan. 31—Ellisville	21	50	Feb. 8—Raymond	31	60
Feb. 1—Wesson	48	26	Feb. 11—Ellisville	19	40
Feb. 14—Moorhead	36	31	Feb. 15—Goodman	37	48

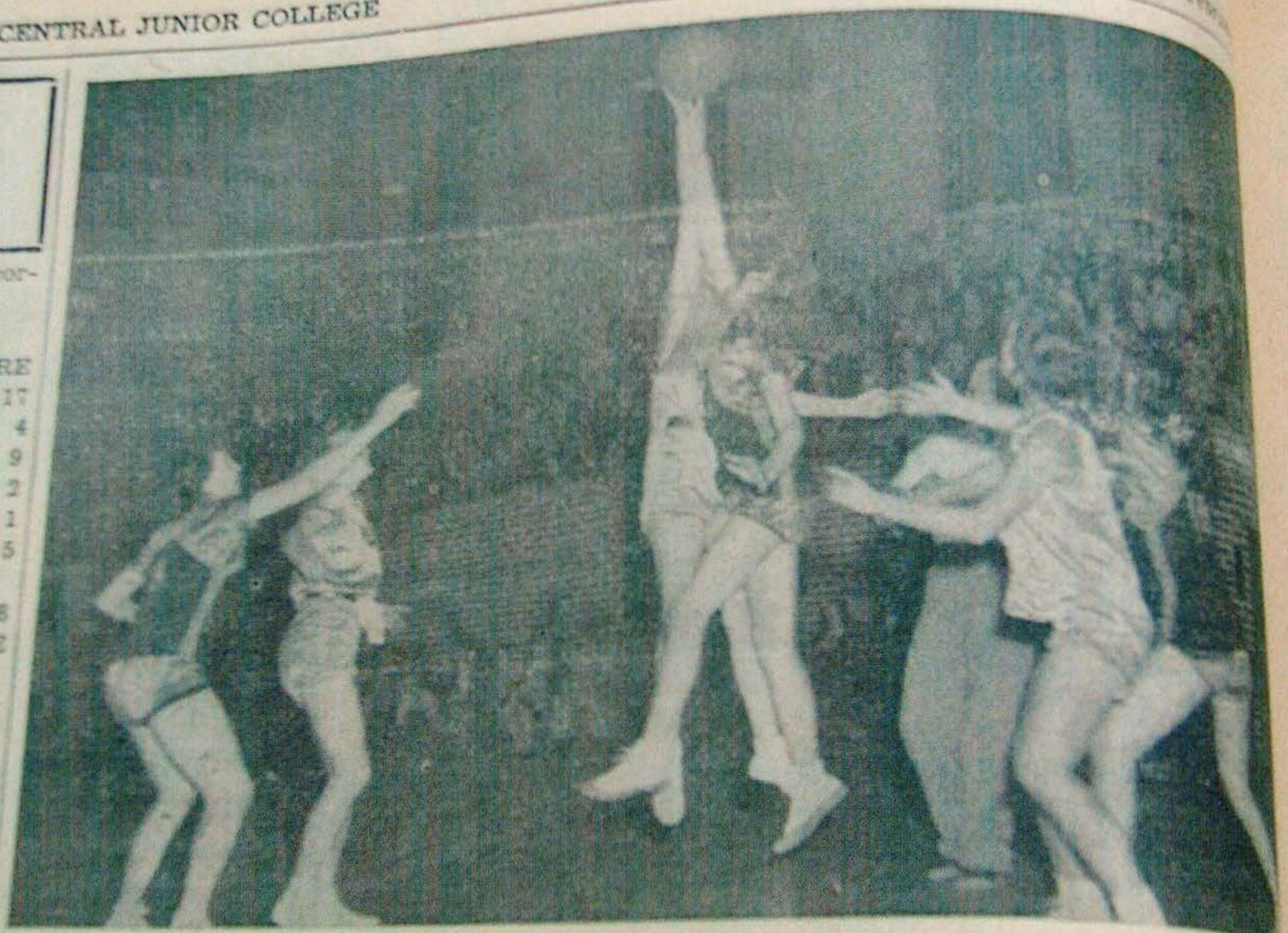
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LINE UP BOYS

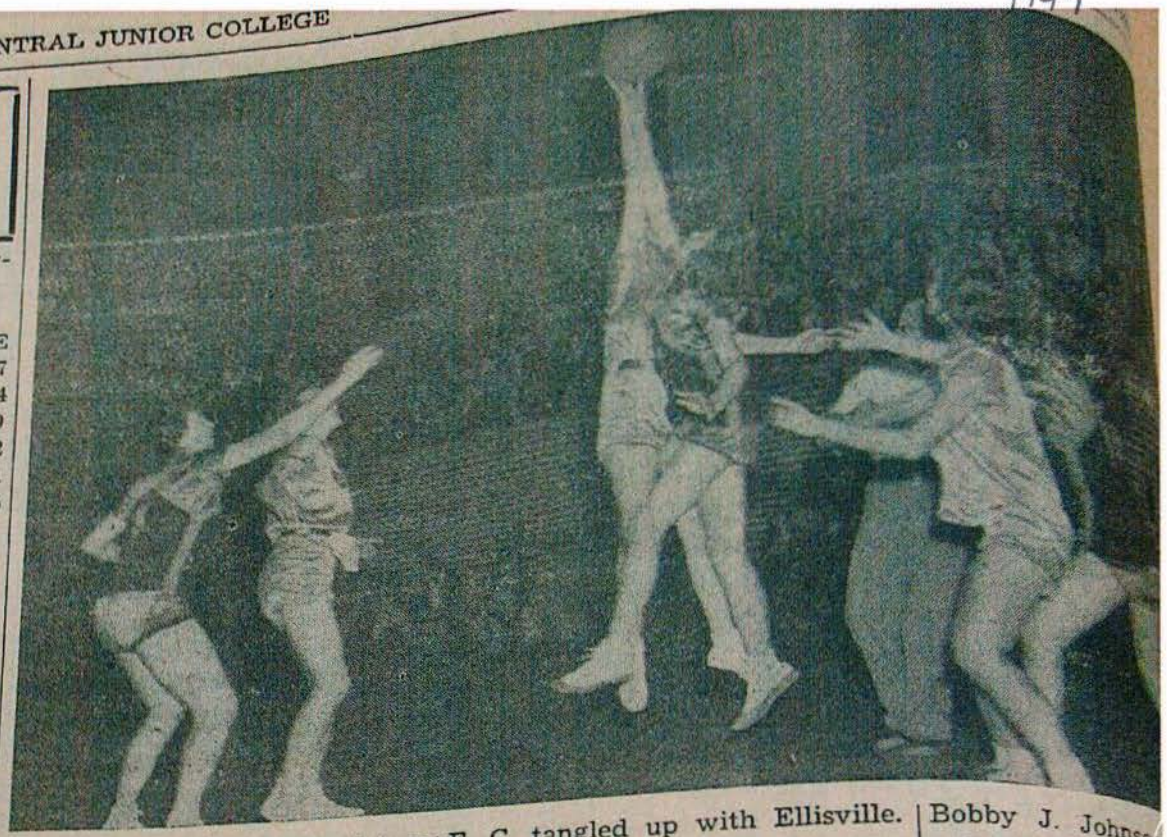
DECATUR	SCORE
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Cleveland	2
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TOTAL	38
ELLISVILLE	SCORE
Coggin	
Powell	3
Stringen	5
Robinson	18
Busby	8
Holmes	17
Pitts	5
TOTAL	60

For the Warriors Leech had the Warriors scoring 11 points and Robinson had the Ellisville sixtet by scoring 30 points.

The entire team played good.

GIRLS LINE UP

DECATUR	SCORE
Leech	11
Edwards	
Crane	4
Johnson, I.	5
Harris	
Tabor	
Johnson, B.	
McCool	
TOTAL	20
ELLISVILLE	SCORE
Robertson	30
Bailey	
Tee	
Jenkin	5
Auera	7
Maxie	
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Junior College Tournament To Be Held At Wesson

The Mississippi Junior College Conference will hold their Junior College tournament on February 27 and 28, and March 1 at Wesson, Miss. There will be 8 teams out of the 14 to enter the tournament. They will be selected according to their record. Wesson will be the last team. Therefore Wesson boys and girls enter. The other seven teams will be picked at a later date.

The E. C. J. C. Warriors will play Holmes Junior College at Goodman, Miss. on February 15th. The Warriors have already defeated Holmes once this season and they will try bring back another

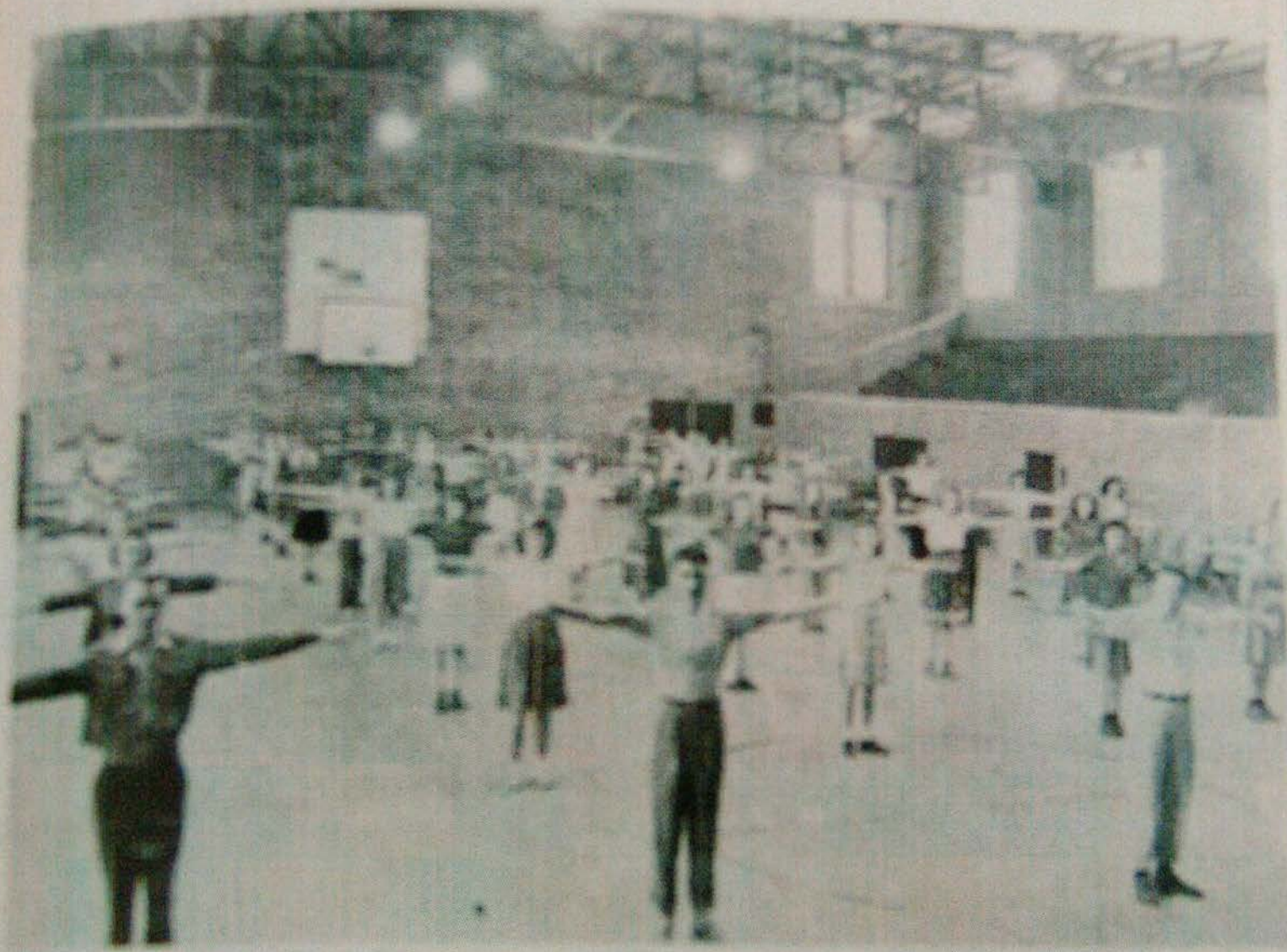
There will be one so come on your Warriors.



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per week in the Home Ec Department.



In order to promote the development of strong bodies as well as minds, E.C.J.C. has a well rounded physical education program.



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GIRL'S BASKETBALL



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ANN LEECH
Forward



MARGIE NELL BARNETT
Forward



SIBYL HARRIS
Forward



EVELYN GILES
Guard



1948 Soph Banquet



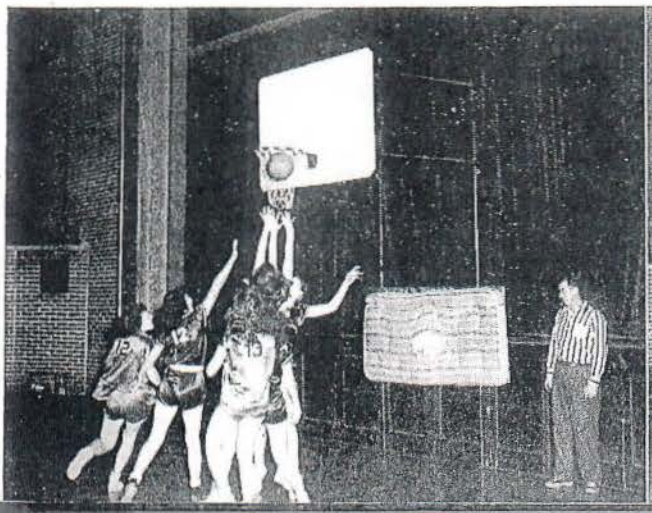


GIRL'S BASKETBALL

SCHEDULE

1949

	DECEMBER 11		FEBRUARY 4
Decatur	48; Scooba 25	Decatur	53; Clarke 12
	JANUARY 7		FEBRUARY 5
Decatur	37; Goodman 33	Decatur	54; Scooba 49
	JANUARY 8		FEBRUARY 11
Decatur	48; Moorhead 27	Decatur	24; Perkinston 28
	JANUARY 11		FEBRUARY 12
Decatur	25; Ellisville 27	Decatur	21; Poplarville 27
	JANUARY 15		FEBRUARY 15
Decatur	48; Clarke 20	Decatur	28; Ellisville 21
	JANUARY 21		FEBRUARY 18
Decatur	31; Poplarville 28	Decatur	37; Summit 33
	JANUARY 22		FEBRUARY 19
Decatur	30; Perkinston 27	Decatur	37; Wesson 36
	JANUARY 25		FEBRUARY 21
Decatur	39; Raymond 51	Decatur	41; Moorhead 31
	JANUARY 28		FEBRUARY 22
Decatur	33; Wesson 29	Decatur	34; Goodman 28
	JANUARY 29		
Decatur	29; Summit 26		



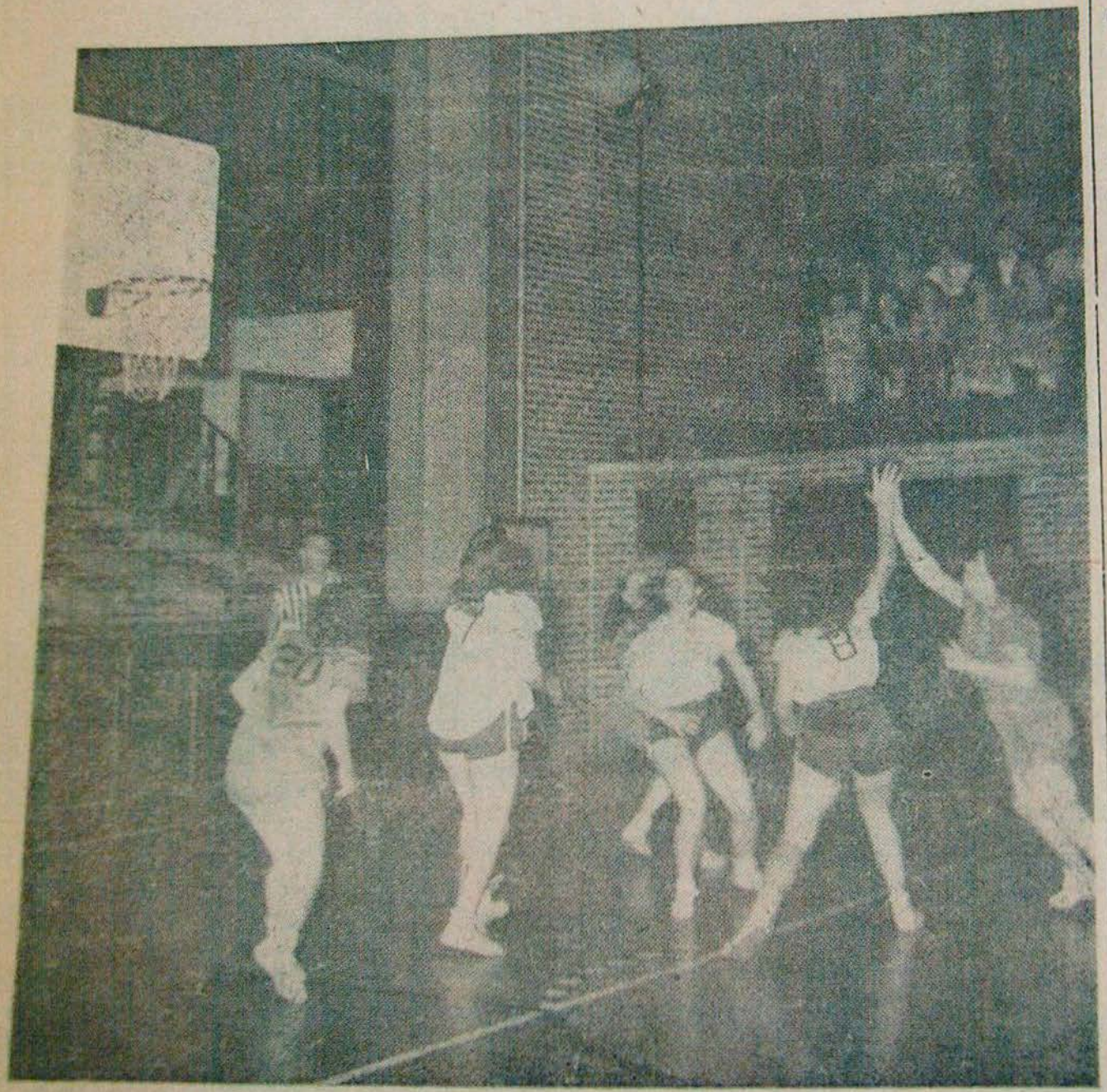


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and has acqquired many friends on the campus, girls, too!

refrain from throwing trash into

Sic 'em, Warriorettes



should I say "not keeping rooms in a state of c turmoil and clutter. Some rooms happen to be n 6, 9, 19. Girls, let's try t this situation.

Now is the time to beg cleaning, and from what nessed as I go from room, this cleaning could by most of us to good a

As I stood in the c the other night I noticed of boys who were smoki a few more minutes of "puffing" the boys th lighted cigarettes out on Besides clutterig up th this was a dangerous a the standpoint of fire

I caught a certain y throwing some bubble on the campus. P.S. back and picked it u

Several Tom Tom st ers have been guilty o paper down in the To fice when two wastet in plain view. Now could these culprits be be guilty of that offens

Well, I've about out" this time, klutte for the next time.

What About Senior Privileges

Why can't we have senior privileges? What is wrong with them? This is the question that the high school seniors are asking at present.

Many people will not attend college after they finish high school. Why can't we have some fun and events to remember for a long time to come? If they do go on to school and finish college, looking back at those good times as a senior in high schoool. When senior privileges were enjoyed. will be a great joy to remember.

Those people who have had enior privileges have never forotten them.

Students who are in the tenth nd eleventh grade will have omething to look forward to. nyone who has ever been in eir place, should be able to derstand their desire.

Again the question is asked, Why can't we have senior prieges?"

—ECJC—

pinion Please?

ince it isn't long until May graduation, one question, of Senior Privileges, is prenant with the graduating s.

his could be a subject of wide ety and great demand. Also ould be, but first let's get senior's opinions.



MADELINE SMITH

A typical American girl with brown hair and blue eyes is Madaline Smith, who is known and

BOBBIE NELL HALL

Bobbie Nell Hall is a native of Leake county but has lived in Decatur for the past eight years

under old snooper, but you can bet your lucky stars that it didn't get rid of him.

During his prowling, he found D. A. pulling Ann's hair. She would probably pull his, if he had some.

For the usual gab, Donald and Pat are still ticking. Pat better tick a little faster to keep up with Mildred, since she takes her place when Pat is gone.

Listen, young brave, and you shall hear, of a young squaw by the name of Jane Wiggs. She's playing the field, and who knows what might happen.

Miss Gray, what were you doing out so late the other night. Young squaws like you should have been in bed at 2:00 in the morning. Especially on a school night. That goes for you too, Maggie Ruth.

Bobbie Bishop shouldn't have trouble finding transportation because Mickey's truck is a bright bright red.

Jeanette and Curtis seem be making it all right but about time for their month feuding and fussing.

"There's a Ford in your future is Bonnie's motto now. Be watch, Bonnie, it might be so one else's future too.

—ECJC—

Y-Teen's Plan Mother-Daughter Basketball Game

The Y-Teens are making for a Mother-Daughter ball game which is sch to take place March 11th.

The main purpose in the game is to raise m

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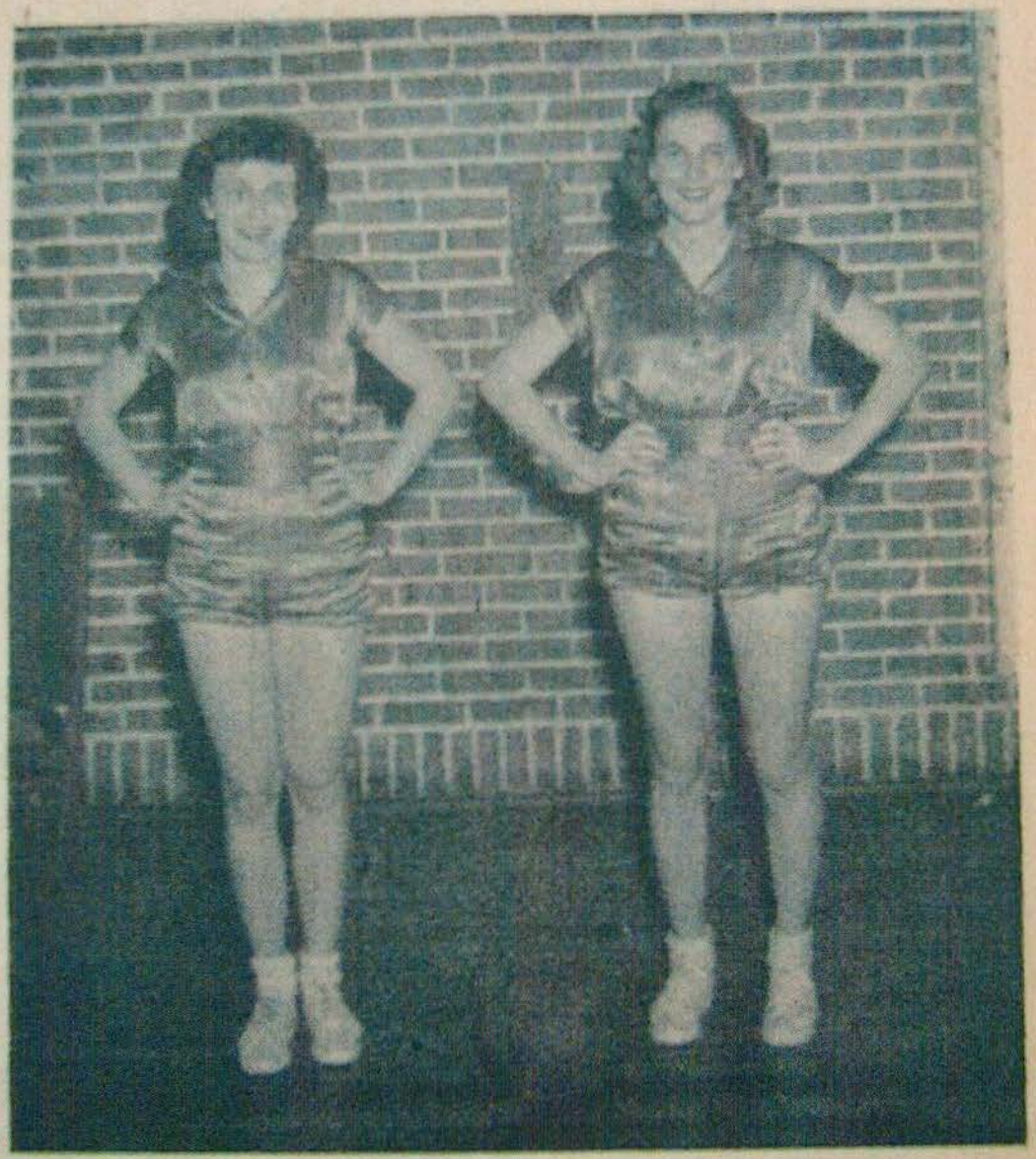
The East Central Junior College arriors and Warriorettes are underway with a season ich has thus far revealed eight , one loss, and one tie for Decatur sextette, while the al quintet has scored four wins suffered three losses.

The Warriorettes have and are playing championship skill far this season. Barring any haps in the future, they can expected to be in the running the last week in February and girls' state tournament, which to be held in Laurel with El- ille as the hostess.

They started the season off a bang in gaining revenge an early season defeat last by handing the Scooba Lion- a 48-25 walloping in the oba gym.

their second game was a little exciting. They accepted an ation to meet the strong Fly- Fish team from Jackson in ust Grove. This game ended the 42-42.

e next game, probably their of the season, was with



Evelyn Giles and Martha Hancock

A regular guard back from last year's team, on which she received all satte honors, is Eve-

One of the outstanding players on the ECJC Warriorette basketball team is Martha Hancock

1949





GIRLS BASKETBALL

1950

Front Row, Left to Right: Adelle Russel, Maxine Rushing, Elsie Estes, Bobbie Tolbert, Barbara Sue Fikes, Ruth Turner, Peggy Hunt.
Back Row: Left to Right: Coach Hillery Horne, Joan Meador, Nancy Kirkpatrick, Margie Melton, Doris Bobo, Dot Phillips, Jo Boykin, Lucille Wood.

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JOAN MEADOR



RUTH TURNER



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"Heap Big Feast" for Tom-Tom "squaws and braves."



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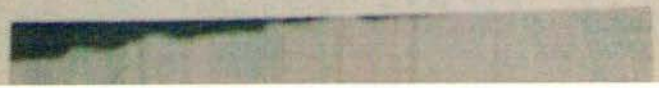


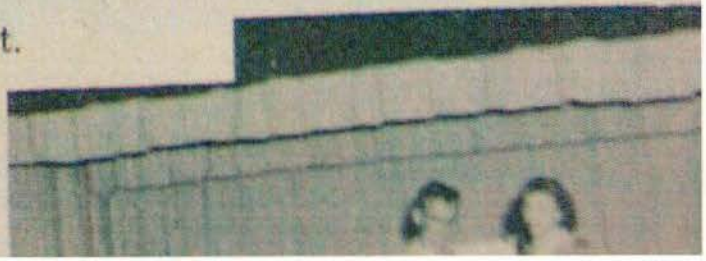


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Seniors get preview of East Central talent.









Front Row

Fay Newsom, Ann Kirkpatrick, Joan Faith Meador

Second Row

Adele Russell, Lillian Thomas, Johnnie Ray, Nancy Kirkpatrick, Dot Smith, Peggy Hunt, Lucille Wood, Marjorie Melton, Vivian Graham, Carolyn Waggoner (Manager)

1951

BOYS CONFERENCE GAMES			GIRLS CONFERENCE GAMES		
Decatur 70	Scooba	45	Decatur 17	Scooba	23
57	Hinds	40	29	Hinds	31
59	Poplarville	54	25	Poplarville	33
80	Perkinston	66	46	Perkinston	42
53	Wesson	39	42	Scooba	40
73	Summit	38	38	Wesson	35
92	Ellisville	52	38	Summit	50
64	Moorehead	63	46	Ellisville	40
80	Senatobia	61	44	Moorehead	43
67	Senatobia	54	57	Senatobia	33
60	Fulton	47	49	Senatobia	11
60	Hinds	44	40	Fulton	35
51	Fulton	54	39	Hinds	45
44	Booneville	68	40	Fulton	33
67	Ellisville	72	25	Booneville	39
62	Goodman	87	47	Ellisville	32
67	Goodman	60	21	Goodman	29
58	Moorehead	45	40	Goodman	29
49	Scooba	59	59	Moorehead	45
36	Poplarville	56	36	Scooba	44
72	Perkinston	65	42	Poplarville	42
49	Booneville	58	74	Perkinston	52
71	Summit	56	33	Booneville	48
52	Wesson	67	927		854
Total 1493		1350			

1951

38-44. This was also a good game although the scoring was very high.

The Junior College Girls' basketball tournament is being held this week end and we wish them

ration and comfort in the messages brought by the members of the team holding the youth revival.

The 1951 East Central Warriorettes



The E.C.J.C. female basketeers who have just concluded a busy season with the tournament at Holmes Junior College the past week-end are from left to right: First row—Louise Rives, Nancy Cox, June Denson, Patsy Denson, Malese Meadows, Gracie Cochran. Second row—Glenda Henry, Sara Fulton, Ann Kirkpatrick, Lafaye Newsome, Margie Wagner, Ruth Warren.

1952







CECIL HODGES
Manager

JANE JOHNSON
Manager

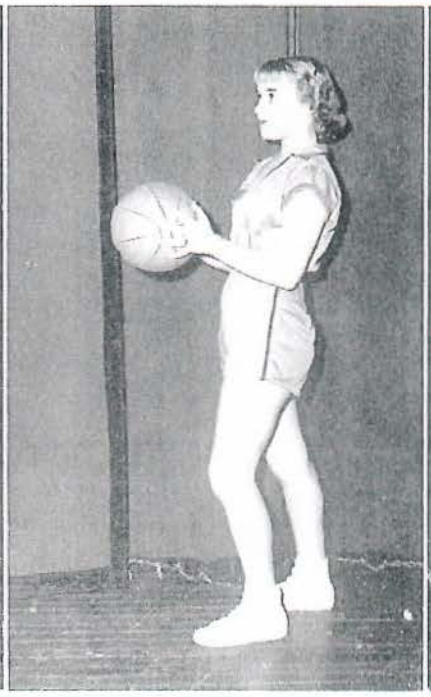
ANN KIRKPATRICK
Captain

PATSY DENSON

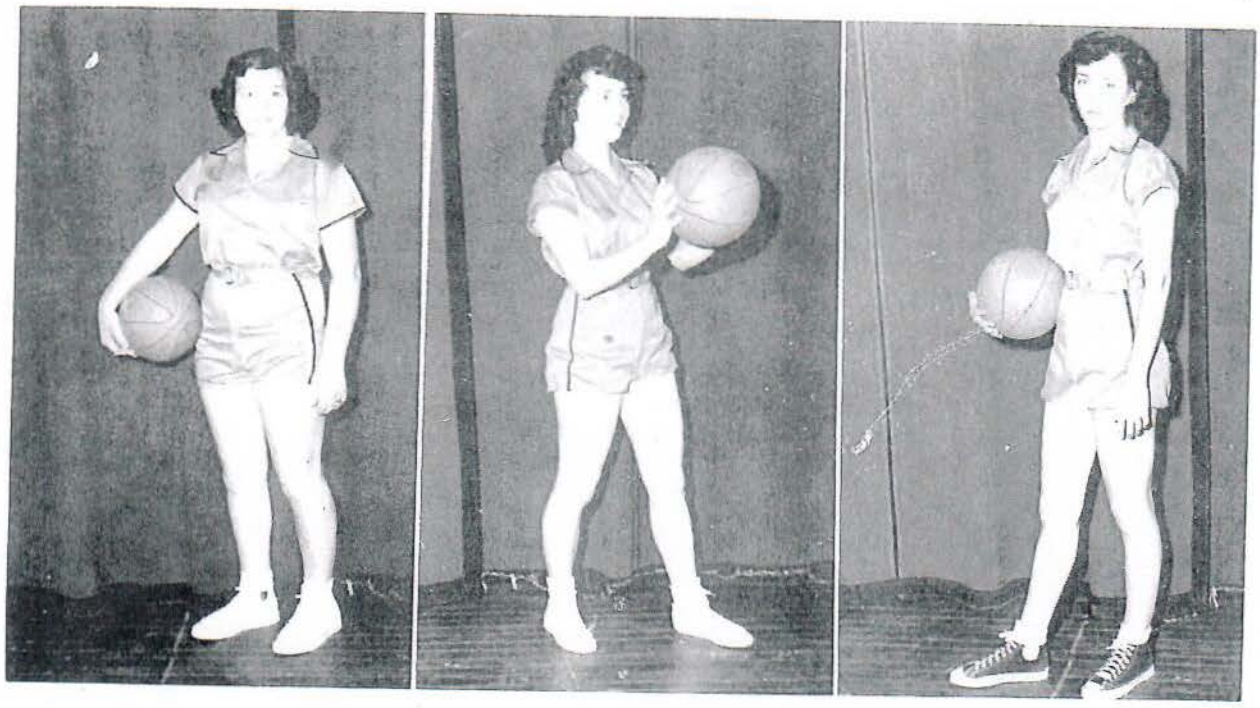
JUNE DENSON

RUTH WARREN









SARAH FULTON

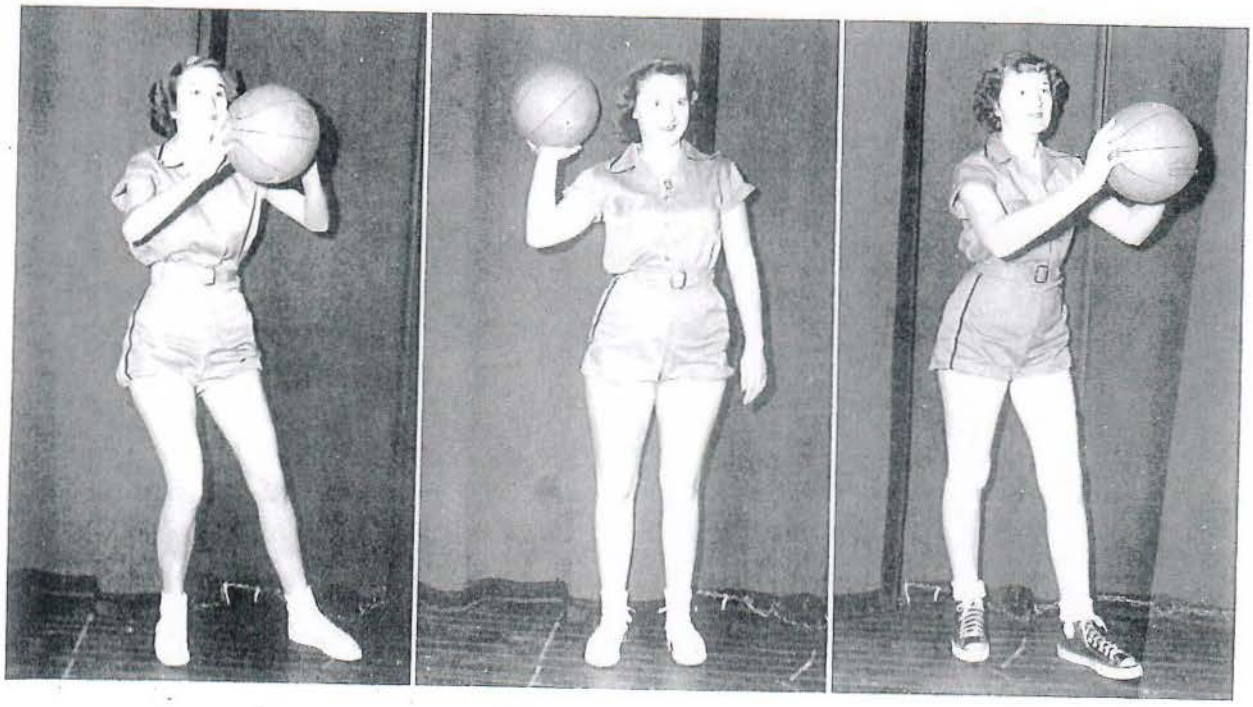
MALESE MEADERS

NANCY COX

GRACIE COCHRAN

FAYE NEWSOME

MARGIE WAGONER





GLENDA HENRY



LOUISE RIVES

BASKETBALL
SCHEDULE 1951-52

Dec. 7-Hinds-Here
Dec. 8-Dixie Division-Here
Dec. 14-Poplarville-Here
Dec. 15-Perkinston-Here
Jan. 4-Wesson-There
Jan. 5-Summit-There
Jan. 8-Ellisville-Here
Jan. 18-Senatobia-Here
Jan. 19-Fulton-Here
Jan. 22-Hinds-There
Jan. 25-Open
Jan. 26-Fulton-There
Jan. 29-Ellisville-There
Feb. 1, 2-Open
Feb. 5-Goodman-There
Feb. 8-Goodman-Here
Feb. 9-Wesson-Here
Feb. 15-Poplarville-There
Feb. 16-Perkinston-There
Feb. 19-Summit-Here
Feb. 21-23-Girls' Tournament
Feb. 28-Mar. 1-Boys' Tournament.

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Dixie Division

1953



Ruth Warren



Barbara Jo Davidson

Sybil Emmons



Jeanette Copeland





Minnie Jo Milner



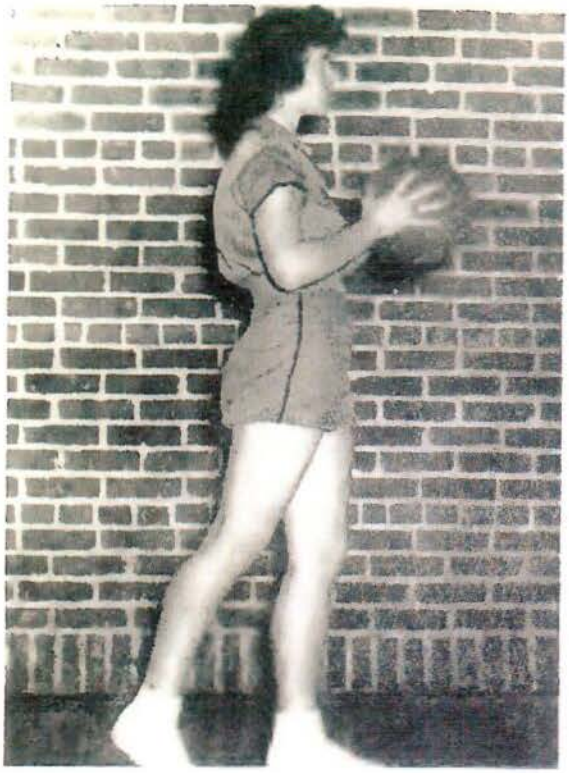
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Madeline McKay



Rebecca Rigler





Mary Ann Bryan



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Kate Freeman



Shirley Jones



Ruby Nowell



Gaylia Williamson



Helen Townsend



Ann Redd



Hilda Wicker



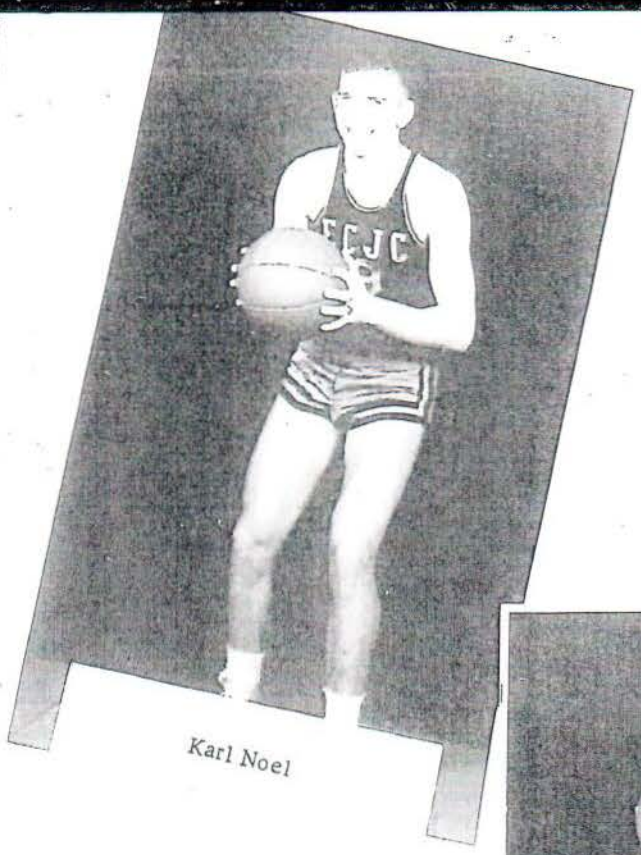
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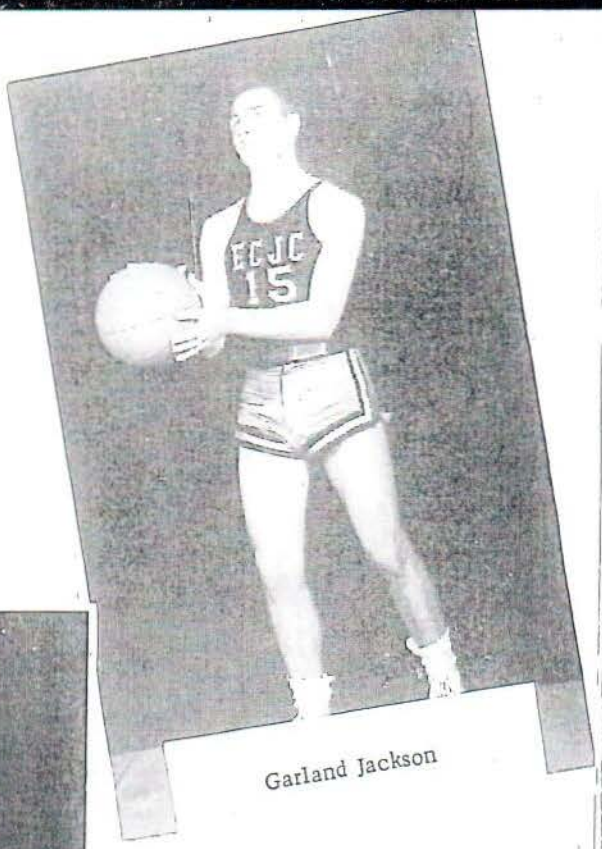
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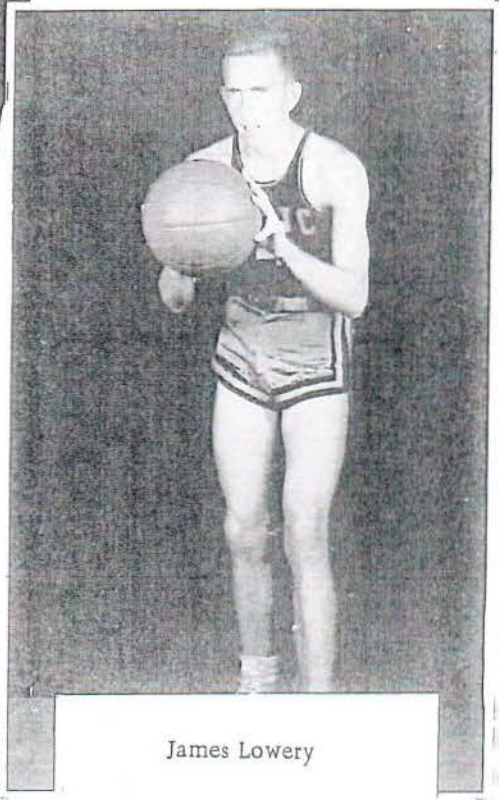
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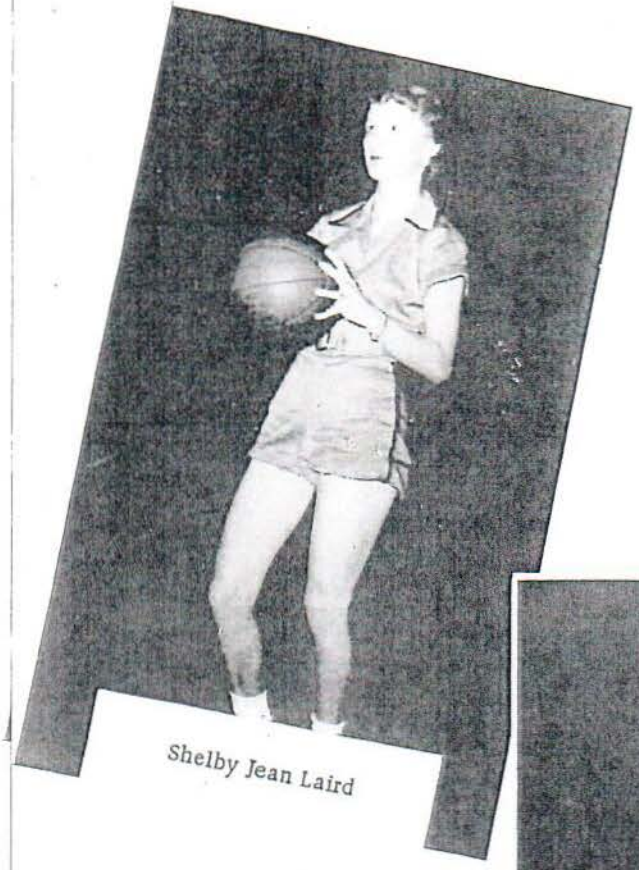
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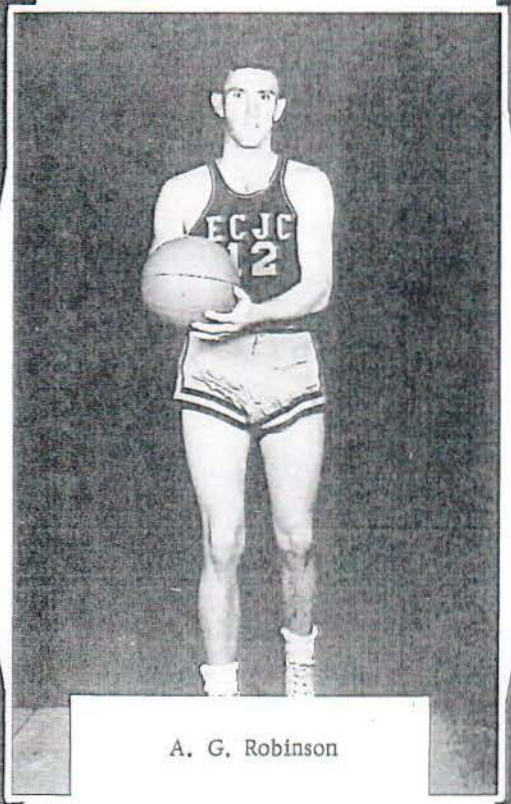
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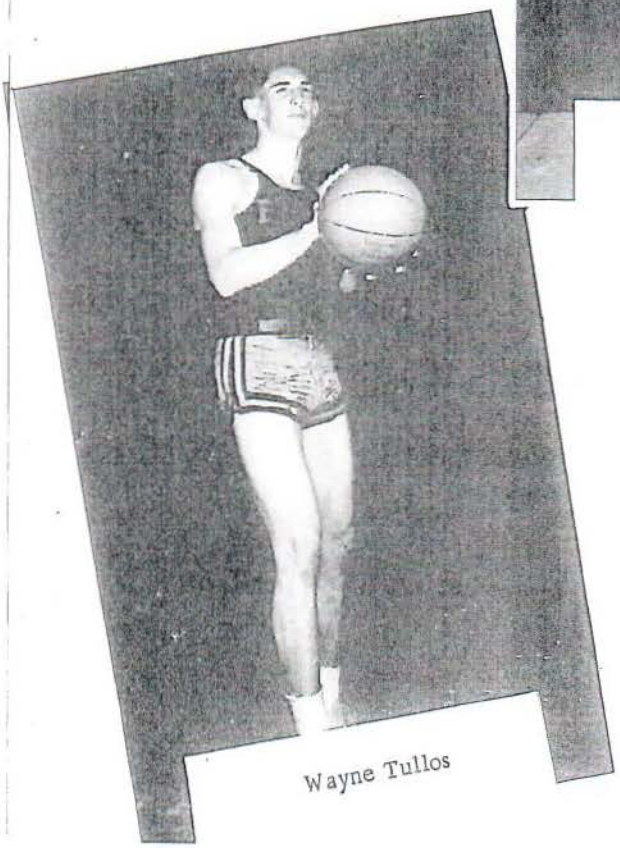
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Wayne Tullos



James Griffin



High School Basketball

FIRST ROW: Little, Cleveland, Cater, Blount, Loper, M.A. Loper. SECOND ROW: Manager, C. Thompson, Hatcher, Neal, Sims, Wilcher, Walters, Bobo, Manager, Harris.

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1958



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



First Row: L. to R. Ann Reese, Gloria Price, Betty Carol Castles, Patsy Tadlock, Sue Allday, Second Row: L. to R. Becky Carter, Lou Ellen Leach, Elaine Moore, Mary Thaggard, Cynda Gibbon, Barbara Wicker, Brenda Sanell.

1966



Miss Lucille Wood
Coach













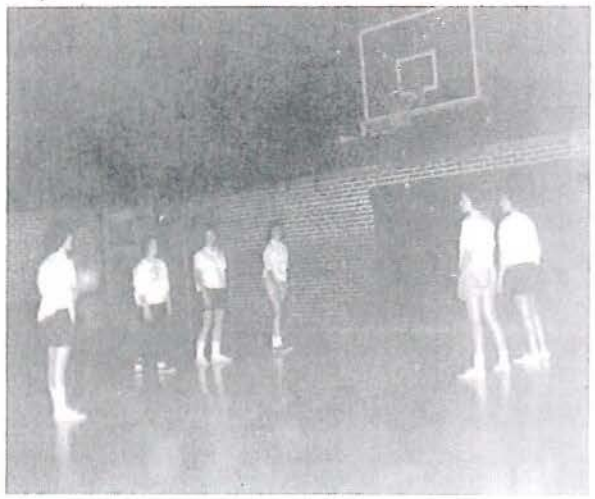
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1960

Warrior Basketball Team



FRONT ROW: Billy Meadow, DeWayne McMullan, Tommy Harris, Don Williams, James Comans, All Rebel Conference, M. C. Little, Billy Cleveland, Buddy Mayo. SECOND ROW: Coach Harrison, Cupit McElhenny, Jerry Hollingsworth, Don Waldrop, Gary Mitchell, Robert Hollingsworth, Lindell Ezell, Ernest Bryan.





Volley-ball Champions

AL ATHLETIC CLUB

CENTER: Nelda Greer; LEFT TO RIGHT: Crip Carter, Pam Catledge, Carolyn Stovall, Charlotte Luke, Shirley Sanders.



GIRL'S BASKETBALL 1965



FRONT ROW (l to r) Sara Adams, Forward; Grace Lovorn, Guard; Jeanette Lewis, Guard; Carol Griffis, Forward; Betty Tadlock, Guard; Linda Joyce Epting Forward. BACK ROW: Lou Ellen Leach, Forward; Mary Hardy, Forward: Betty Mckinnion, Guard; Bobby Freeman, Guard; Audrey Putnam, Forward.



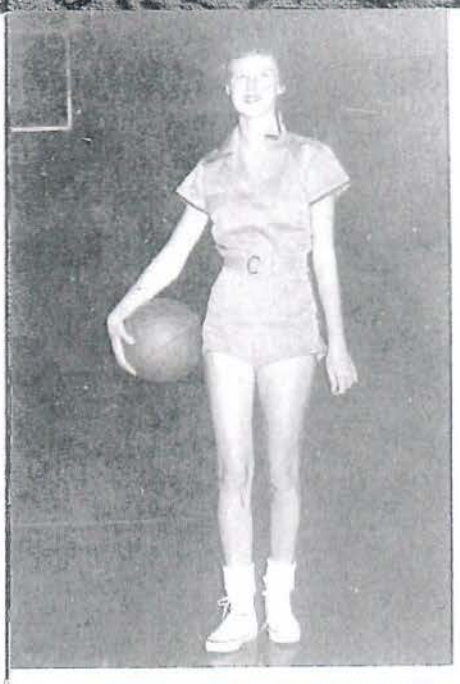
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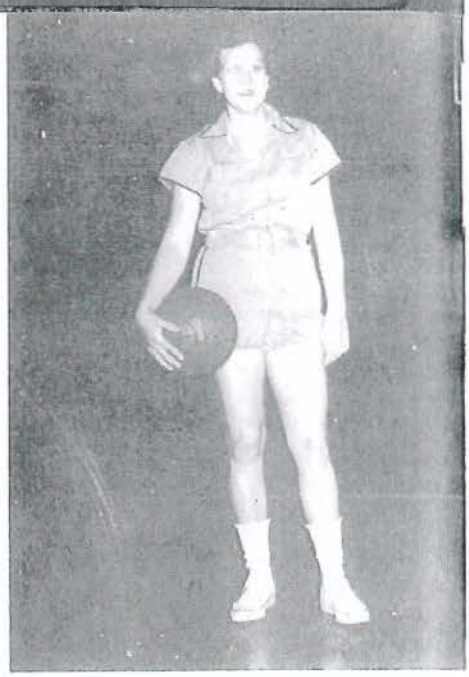
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Linda Epting: All Little Dixie
Betty Tadlock: All South Miss-2 years
All State 2 years
All Little Dixie 3 years
District Tournament teams 2 years
Pearl Tournament teams 3 years
Audrey Putnam: Athletic Award
Jeanette Lewis: All Little Dixie
All Star Pearl Tournament Team.

1956



Mary Charles Gamblin
Guard



Kate Harrison
Forward



Dimple Ann Tidwell
Forward

Christine Culberson
Forward

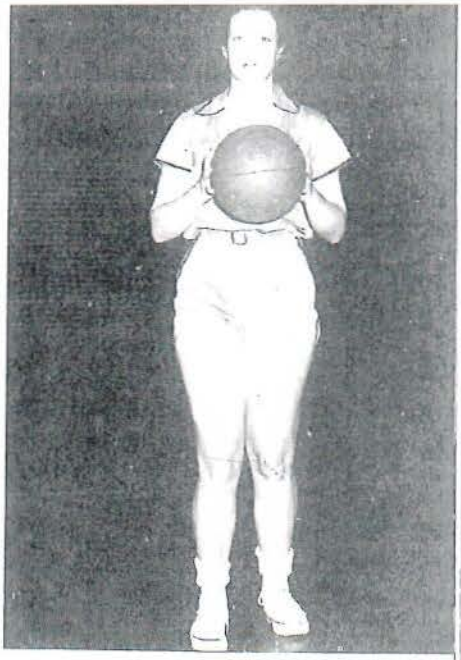


Carolyn Johnson
Forward





Audine Culberson
Forward



Helen Cleveland
Forward



Shirley Williams
Forward

Willa Rigdon
Guard



Ann Redd
Guard



E.C.J.C. Warriorettes



LEFT TO RIGHT: Dana Griffis, Wanda Elliott, Brenda Garvin, Marianne Matthews, Mary Jane Allen, Peggy Tolbert, Linda Hill, Sue Peoples, Linda Comans, Sylvia Horn, Sandy Puckett.

1968



Coach
MISS LUCILLE WOOD







E.C.J.C. WARRIORETTES

ROW 1: Wanda Blackwell, Carol Ming, Ginger Swain, Lynda Truesdale, Sandy Donald. ROW 2: Manager, Susan Shoemaker, Carolyn Murphy, Gail Cumberland, Amelia Kennedy, Deborah Norwood, Rosalyn Rogers, Debbie Harvey, Marolyn Anderson.

1970

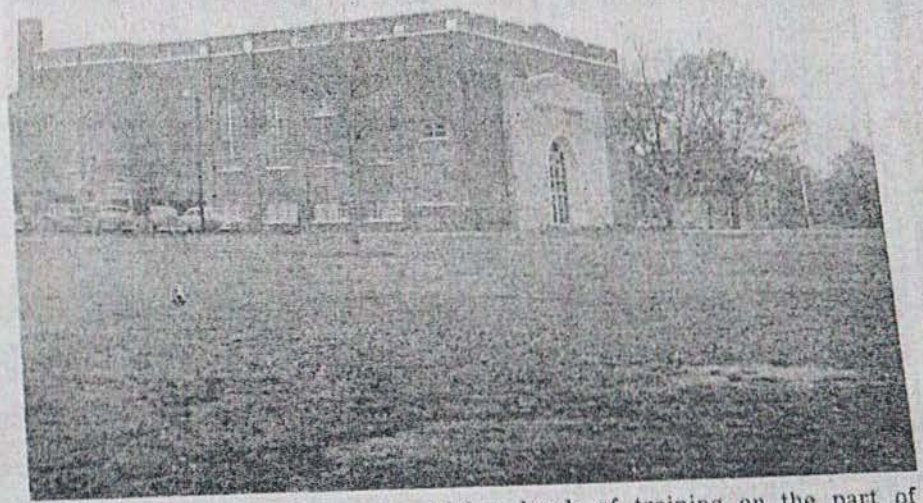


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East Central A Growing Institution





Five years of progress at East Central, reflected in the transformation of the front entrance as shown in the picture above, include not only changes in the physical plant but also higher levels of training on the part of faculty, and improvement in the scope and quality of education offered.

Leading Educators To Meet on Campus

A district meeting of leading educators, authorized by the U. S. Congress, will be held at East Central Junior College in the near future to discuss the greatest needs

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The Annual East Central Home-

Pres. Vincent Welcomes Students

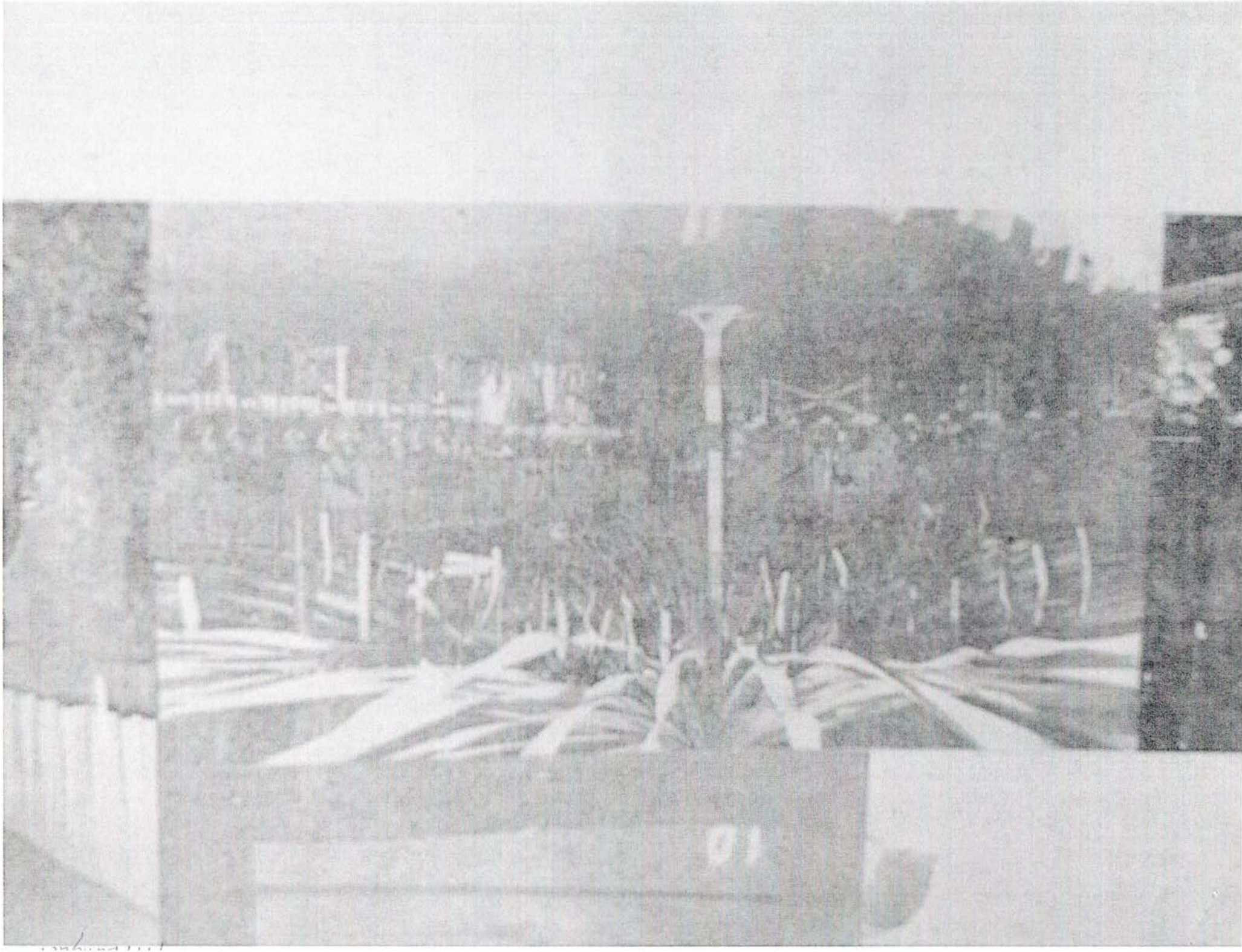


TO THE STUDENT BODY:

It is a pleasure for me to welcome you on behalf of the faculty and Board of Trustees of E. C. J. C. on the occasion of this, the opening of the 27th year of service of this institution. Having been a student at East Central

Summer Graduates Receive Diplomas And Certificates

Graduation exercises for students completing the requirements for graduation at the end of the summer session at East Central



Each student will be able to find one or more organisations which will appeal to him personally.

One of the ... the extra curricular activities, one that interests almost everyone, is



Swing your partner and ladies to the right! (Fall Festival features an old-fashion square dance with fun for all).



ate, the Warriors place fourth in the

first step in the construction of the new auditorium a part of the progress at East Central.



A Senior Day scene in which seniors and EC students enjoy food in the gym as the annual senior day program is presented.

1971

Warriorettes



Gail Cumberland



Sandy Donald



Wanda Blackwell



Lynda Truesdale



Kathy Anthony



'Debbie Harvey



Betty Nester



Glenda Watson



Lucy Young, Manager



Susan Shoemaker, Manager

East Central Comm. College

Decatur, Mississippi

LADY WARRIORS

Region XXIII

No.	Name	Ht.	Class	Hometown
4	Kimyatta Viverette	6' 0"	So.	Lake, MS
11	Kristin Chaney	5' 6"	Fr.	Little Rock, MS
12	Roxana Rogers	5' 7"	Fr.	Lake, MS
15	Ebone'e Leverette	6' 0"	So.	Forest, MS
20	Kim Cox	5' 7"	Fr.	Lake, MS
21	Lenore Gray	6' 1"	So.	Newton, MS
22	Monique Overstreet	5'11"	So.	Walnut Grove, MS
23	Britney Burks	5' 9"	So.	Forest, MS
24	Kotreece Bender	5'10"	Fr.	Lawrence, MS
25	Rita Birden	5'10"	So.	Monroe, LA
30	India Backstrom	5'11"	Fr.	Philadelphia, MS
33	Hope Murray	5' 9"	So.	Soso, MS
34	Miranda Rosar	5'11"	So.	Union, MS

Enrollment:
2,700
Season Record:
29-2

TEAM HOST



ARCHIE RIGGS



Head Coach:
Brad Hodge

Assistant Coach:
LaCole Brooks

Athletic Director:
Terry Underwood

Colors:
Black and Gold

Southeastern Illinois College

Harrisburg, Illinois

FALCONS

Region XXIV

No.	Name	Ht.	Class	Hometown
3	Danielle Russia	5' 5"	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
5	Lakisha Miller	5' 6"	Fr.	Decatur, IL
10	Jessica Powers	5'11"	Fr.	Eastman, GA
11	Juliana Fernandes	5'10"	Fr.	Florianopolis, Brasil
12	Brooke Walker	5' 9"	Fr.	Toledo, OH
14	Stephanie Willis	5'10"	So.	Eldorado, IL
20	Krystal Miller	5' 8"	Fr.	Detroit, MI
21	Wanika Owsley	5' 8"	So.	Indianapolis, IN
22	Daiana Canaver	6' 1"	Fr.	Suzano, Brasil
23	Andrea Roberson	6' 1"	Fr.	Merritt Island, FL
24	Simone Jackson	5' 9"	So.	Kingston, Jamaica
25	Tomika Hall	6' 2"	Fr.	Kingston, Jamaica
30	Crystal DeLorch	5'10"	So.	Louisville, KY
54	Derrica Jones	5' 8"	Fr.	Hopkinsville, KY

Enrollment:
2,500
Season Record:
28-5

TEAM HOST



PATRICK SALMANS



Head Coach:
Greg Franklin

Assistant Coaches:
Kyle Herring
Pat Franklin

Colors:
Black and Blue

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2000-2001 Lady Warrior BASKETBALL

East Central Community College

Region 23 Champions
National Tournament Sweet 16



Lady Warriors head to NJCAA national tournament

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors defeated Jones (93-78), Copiah-Lincoln (74-71), and Northwest Mississippi (91-71) last week to win the Region 23 championship. EC will travel to Salina, Kan., for the 16-team NJCAA Women's National Championship which begins Tuesday. (EC photo)

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NJCAA women's tournament

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Robinson matures into Hornets' sixth man

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- What a difference a year has made for Eddie Robinson. No longer an unsure rookie, Robinson has emerged as a future star for the Hornets.

With his alley-oop dunks, quick steals and bright smiles, Robinson has turned into a favorite of both the fans and the Hornets.

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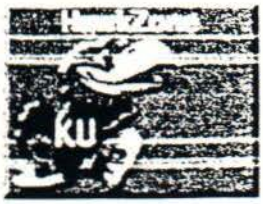
Barton County men tumble in opener

HUTCHINSON -- Wabash Valley Community College coach Jay Spoonhour said the No. 3 Warriors don t practice any zone defense and views that defense as "a bunch of guys standing around."

Cincinnati State posts upset

It was, to say the least, a stunning turn of events.

Eight minutes into the second half and trailing by 13 points to perennial







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East Central (22-6) takes on Central Arizona in an elimination game at 10 a.m. Thursday.

Tennal, Cloud County's sensational freshman point guard, scored a game-best 30 points, but it was her fifth assist that allowed the Thunderbirds to prevail after they let a seven-point lead with under four minutes left dissolve into a two-point deficit with 1? minutes left.

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Cloud County's Paulette Valentine drives to the basket against East Central (Miss.) during Tuesday night's first-round game of the national tournament at the Bicentennial Center.

Trailing 73-72 in the waning seconds, Tennal missed a shot in the lane. The rebound resulted in a jump ball with Cloud County getting it back on the possession arrow with 17 seconds.

Another Tennal shot in the lane was blocked out of bounds with 9.9 seconds left.

Tennal took the inbounds pass and drove the lane again. When East Central's defense collapsed around her, she somehow found Herman open on the right side of the basket.

Herman, who was 5 for 15 from the field before the shot, calmly banked it off the glass to make it 74-73, to the delight of a large and vocal Cloud County following.

"I was going to score, but I saw her and if you see her you've got to get it to her, especially after I made those two stupid shots," Tennal said.

"(The shot) was nerve-wracking because my previous game was not that good," Herman said. "But it went in for me."

East Central called timeout with 5.6 seconds left, but Nicole Cox's running shot just inside the free throw lane missed and didn't beat the clock.

"We played awfully tight and had a lot of trouble guarding the post," Cloud County coach Brett Erkenbrack said. "We had a tremendous, unbelievable crowd. Our players wanted to reward and thank our crowd so much that I think they lost sight of what we do.

"A lot of people have said all week long we've got to represent our region, Seward (County) or Independence should have been there, Cloud County's not worthy, all that stuff. Our players wanted to prove all that wrong."

Tennal concurred.

"I think the whole team was really tight, a little scared," she said. "Cloud County can't play scared to play their game."

East Central's late 9-0 run that gave the Warriors the lead was the last of several prolonged scoring binges throughout the game.

Cloud County had a 19-3 run in the first half that East Central answered with a 16-5 surge. The T-Birds ended the half with an 8-0 run to lead 38-32 at the break.

Cloud County then used runs of 7-2 and 10-0 in the second half, but those were matched by Warrior spurts of 8-0, 7-0 and the late 9-0.

"That's what good teams do," said East Central coach Sammy Pace, who expressed displeasure with the officiating in the final minute. "We were 8 of 16 at the line and you don't win games like that at this level."

Cloud County won the rebounding battle (44-41) and outscored East Central 21-8 at the free throw line. That helped the T-Birds overcome East Central's 45.3 percent shooting (29 of 64). Cloud County shot 35.7 percent (25 of 70).

Cox led East Central with 23 points. Margo Porter added 22 and 6-2 center Anna Udicova 15 points and 12 rebounds.

N'Kiesa Richardson had 15 points, 11 in the second half, and 9 rebounds for Cloud County. Paulette Valentine had 13 points and 8 rebounds and Herman 12 points and 12 rebounds.

"I thought we gave great effort, like we have all year long," Erkenbrack said.

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'Hawks, Illini cruise into regional clash

DAYTON, Ohio -- Illinois and Kansas hardly broke a sweat. Next comes the hard part.

The two teams with the best seedings coasted to big victories in the Midwest second round at the University of Dayton on Sunday, with No. 1 seed Illinois beating Charlotte 79-61 and fourth-seeded Kansas rolling over Syracuse 87-58.

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"We don't know anything about them and East Central probably doesn't know a whole lot about us," Erkenbrack said of their 6:15 p.m. game at the Bicentennial Center. "Whatever they know may or may not be right."

Welcome to the NJCAA tournament, where the common thread is typically a complete lack of knowledge of your opponent. Teams that succeed are those that adjust and adapt quickly and effectively, without compromising what they do best.

"We have to go in and play our game and do what we know we can do," Cloud County sophomore guard N'Keisa Richardson said.

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JUSTIN HAYWORTH / The Salina Journal

Sasha Lilly, a player for East Central (Miss.) Community College, battles with teammates for a rebound

during their practice session at the Bicentennial Center Monday

Today's games

At Salina Bicentennial center

10 a.m. -- Tyler, Texas vs. Western Nebraska

Noon -- Tallahassee, Fla. vs. Louisburg, N.C.

2 p.m. -- Central Arizona vs. Cincinnati State

4 p.m. -- Midland, Texas vs. Wallace State, Ala.

6:15 p.m. -- Cloud County vs. East Central, Miss.

8:15 p.m. -- Jefferson, Mo. vs. Utah Valley State

In other words, dance with the one who brought you.

"We will focus on what we do and what we are," Erkenbrack said, reaffirming Richardson's words. "I don't think this late in the game, this late in the season, you can worry a whole lot about what other people do.

"We'll have to make adjustments early on in the ballgame, which we've been pretty good at."

The T-Birds (27-7) are coming off a stunning march through the Region 6 Tournament, where they ousted No. 5-ranked Independence and No. 1 and previously unbeaten Seward County on consecutive nights.

"That gave us a big boost of confidence," Richardson said. "We're just ready to win. We know we can do it. Once we won Region 6, we knew there's nobody who could beat us."

Richardson, of course, knows better and knows it starts tonight against East Central. The Warriors also came through a difficult region that included a couple of highly-touted teams in Meridian and Copiah-Lincoln.

The Warriors (22-5) feature four starters with double-figure scoring averages, led by Margo Porter at 16.3 points per game. Anna Udicova, their 6-foot-2 center, has signed an NCAA Division I letter with Southern Mississippi.

But Erkenbrack likes his team's chances in the BiCenter, which has become the T-Birds' home away from home.

"We come down here knowing the environment. It's an advantage that we should have a decent crowd and we come back here with warm feelings about the building," he said. "We should have a certain level of comfort.

"How that translates into how we play, I don't know. It should help our confidence, and our confidence level is pretty high right now."

Six first-round games are scheduled today, starting at 10 a.m. with defending national champion Tyler, Texas, facing Western Nebraska. Tyler is led by first-year coach Trenia Tillis, who was an assistant coach at Arkansas last year.

The slate also includes top-seeded Midland, Texas (31-1) taking on Wallace State, Ala., at 4 p.m.

Central Arizona, led by colorful hall of fame in-waiting coach Lin Laursen, plays Cincinnati State at 2 p.m. Laursen, who guided the Vaqueras to the 1998 title and a second-place finish in '99, has 744 career victories. This is Central's 21st tournament appearance.

Tallahassee, Fla. takes on Louisburg at noon in a battle of talented teams from the Southeast. Jefferson, Mo., plays Utah Valley State at 8 p.m. in a game matching the eighth and ninth seeds.

The first round continues Wednesday with games between Eastern Oklahoma and Southwest Tennessee at noon, and John A. Logan, Ill., and Iowa Western at 2 p.m.

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High hoops

Cash-strapped team raises own funds to make trip

By TANA THOMSON
The Salina Journal

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East Central Mississippi Community College head coach Sammy Pace (right) and assistant Brad Hodge react Tuesday to play between East Central and Cloud County Community College.

Emergency funds raised by a community in less than a week was the last means a Mississippi junior college women's basketball team had in order to play in this week's NJCAA tournament at the Bicentennial Center.

The small community of Decatur and some of the surrounding counties gave more than $9,000 -- with money still pouring in -- to pay for the East Central Warriors' trip to the national tournament.

It's an exciting thing for the community, said East Central coach and athletic director Sammy Pace. After all, it has been seven years since the team played in the national tournament.

National championship competition is a rarity for the school's athletic teams in general. They've been to only one football bowl game in Georgia and two NJCAA tournaments in the past decade.

So, the morning of March 9, the day after the women won the Region 23 basketball tournament in Clinton, Miss., the school was in a rush to find money for the unexpected expenditure.

The Family comes through

Pace called the area surrounding the college the East Central Family because of the support it receives from the community.

"It is just a great college community," he said.

Within a day of planning the fund-raiser, half of the $12,300 needed was raised. Within two days, about $8,000 was in the bag. At that point, Pace said, the school's president gave the go-ahead: the money would be there.

Individuals gave $500, $1,000 and $2,500 dollar contributions.

Raising $12,000 in a short time, in a town of only 12,000 and a five-county district which is relatively rural -- with no other town of more than 6,500 people -- is quite a feat, said Larry Hogue, vice president for foundation and alumni relations.

"The basketball program is well respected, and coach Pace has done a good job over the years," Hogue said.

The donations were well-received by the college, which has had $625,000 cut from its budget this year by the state. East Central President Phil Sutphin said the state is looking at cutting $1.4 million more of junior college funding by July 1.

East Central always has had to raise money to pay for extra trips.

"Budgets are always tight, but they are just extra tight this year," Sutphin said.

When the football team went to a bowl game in Brunswick, Ga., in 1996, community fund-raising got the team, the band and the cheerleading squad there.

The burdens of success

East Central wasn't the only team forced to scrape up funds for unexpected trips.

Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff, Neb., shifted around some funds and sent their men and women's basketball teams on the same bus to their respective national tournaments in Hutchinson and Salina to save money. Not only did the men and women's basketball teams this year qualify for a national tournament, but so did the school's volleyball team.

"We didn't do that much fund-raising," Jill McFarland, an official in the public relations department at Nebraska Western said. "We simply swallowed real hard and said, 'Oh crumb.' "

She said the community college was hurting for money, because it never expected to have three teams go to national tournaments. But while it did have a few unsolicited donations, totaling only a few hundred dollars, it didn't raise money.

Other teams, such as Tyler (Texas) Junior College, had championship funds set aside from the beginning.

"The (athletic director) set aside a championship fund, so if some teams make it to the championship, we have the money," said Trenia Tillis, head coach of the Tyler women's team.

Thanks for the dough

In Decatur, there will be an appreciation dinner for those who contributed to the women's trip when the team gets back.

Mike Goodwin, owner and general manager of WSSI, 98 FM radio in Carthage, Miss., broadcasts East Central's football and men and women's basketball games. Goodwin made it his business to drum up cash and pledges from the community for the team's trip. Why? " 'Cause I love girls basketball," Goodwin answered simply.

Goodwin said he had no problems finding sponsors to pay for his trip to Salina to cover the team's performance. He said in his 13 years broadcasting in the community, he hasn't had trouble finding sponsors to cover any of the junior college's games.

Part of the reason for the community support for the women's basketball team is because of Pace's good rapport with the "East Central family." The other part is "we have a core of people that we can call on for almost anything."

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Up close and personal with ECCC women's basketball

La'Shonda Ford
5-foot-9
Freshman
Forward
Forest HS



Ford

Ford played a big role in Forest's Class 3A state runner-up finish her senior year in 2000. The Lady Bearcats reached the 3A finals where they lost 43-30 to a Yazoo County team that went 39-0. Forest finished 36-2 under coach Gina Skelton.

At Forest, Ford was all-division and all-state in track, all-district and all-state in cross country, and all-district and all-state in basketball.

She is averaging 3.9 points and 4.3 rebounds per game.

She plans to return to ECCC next fall.

Her longest trip has been a journey to Wisconsin.

Lori Cumberland
5-foot-8
Freshman
Guard
Leake Academy



Cumberland

As a junior at Leake Academy, Cumberland was the sixth player on Doyle Wolverton's unbeaten team that capped a 46-0 season with a 56-37 spanking of Jackson Academy in the Mississippi Private School Association's Overall Tournament finals.

As a senior, she played a key role in getting the Rebelettes back to the Overall Tournament where they tied for third place after losing to eventual Overall champion Silliman Institute of Clinton, La., 59-41 in the semifinals to finish 37-4.

She was voted Best Offensive Player and Best Defensive Player her senior year. She was also selected to play in the Mississippi Private School All-Star Game.

Cumberland is averaging 2.6 points and 2.3 rebounds per game.

She plans to return to ECCC next fall for her sophomore year.

Her longest trip was an 18-hour journey to Clearwater, Fla., for spring break in 2000.

Nikki Lacour
5-foot-8
Freshman
Guard
Natchitoches (La.) Central High School



Lacour

Lacour played for coach Emma Boozman at Natchitoches Central High School.

At NCHS, she was a first-team all-district selection, a first-team All-Cenla (Central Louisiana) choice, and a participant in the Louisiana All-Star Game.

Lacour is averaging 10.2 points and 5.4 rebounds per game.

She plans to return to ECCC next fall for her sophomore year.

Lacour's longest trip was to Canada.

Sasha Lilly
5-foot-9
Sophomore
Forward
Shelby County (Ala.) HS



Lilly

Lilly missed nearly all of the season with a knee injury suffered in the second game off the year.

She played for coaches Eric Louvorn and DeAnne Lamb at Shelby County High.

At Shelby County, she was chosen all-state, all-Metro, all-county, Super Senior (Fox channel 6), General Motors Player in 5A, team MVP, team captain, and Fox channel 6 player of the week.

She averaged 9.0 points and 1.5 rebounds before suffering the knee injury.

As a freshman at ECCC, she received the Defensive Player of the Year Award.

After her graduation from ECCC this spring, Lilly plans to pursue a degree in criminal justice and continue her basketball career.

Her longest trip has been to New York.

Margo Porter
5-foot-7
Sophomore
Guard
Louisville HS



Porter

Porter played for coach Sheila Hickman at Louisville High School and earned All-Division 2-4A honors.

She is averaging 16.3 points and 5.6 rebounds for the Lady Warriors.

She hopes to play ball at a university next year.

This is her longest trip by far, with the previous being a trek to Memphis.

Nicole Cox
5-foot-3
Sophomore
Guard
Lake HS



Cox

As a junior, Cox played a key role in getting Lake to the Class 1A state tournament where coach Bill Ingersoll's Lady Hornets fell 69-56 to eventual state runner-up Ingomar in the quarterfinals.

She is the sister of current Lady Hornet state champions Odena Cox and Kim Cox.

Nicole is averaging 14.6 points and 3.6 rebounds per game.

She was all-Scott County and All-Division 6-1A from 1995-99. Cox was named Most Valuable Defensive Player in the All-Star Game.

She plans to continue her career at the next level and further her education next year.

Her longest trip has been to California.

Sophia Reed
5-foot-4
Freshman
Guard
Forest HS



Reed

Reed played a big role in Forest's Class 3A state runner-up finish her senior year in 2000.

Gina Skelton's Lady Bearcats reached the 3A finals where they lost 43-30 to a Yazoo County team that went 39-0. Forest finished 36-2.

At Forest, Reed was an all-division selection from 1997-2000. She was an all-state pick in 1999 and 2000 and was chosen to the all-star game.

Reed is averaging 6.4 points and 3.1 rebounds per game.

She plans to return to ECCC next fall for her sophomore year.

Her longest trip was to Florida for a basketball camp.

Trelisa Eichelberger
5-foot-11
Freshman
Forward/center
Noxapater HS



Eichelberger

Eichelberger was an all-state forward and team MVP and Best Offensive Player her senior year for coach Jason Gentry at Noxapater.

Her biggest highlight prior to winning the Region 23 Tournament was making the first round of the Class 1A state playoffs in 2000.

Eichelberger is averaging 2.7 points and 1.4 rebounds per game.

Her longest trip was a visit to Washington, D.C.

Lady Warriors run out of gas in nationals

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

SALINA, Kan. — When Sammy Pace looks back on his 2000-2001 East Central Community College Lady Warriors basketball team years from now, you can bet he'll remember them for how they played the first half of Thursday morning's game with Central Arizona College, not how it fared over the final 20 minutes.

Central Arizona, which entered the 16-team tournament seeded No. 2 before a first-round upset loss, used a 61-20 differential in the second half to take a 102-61 victory in the elimination game in the Bicentennial Center.



Lacour

"We're going to go back and remember this as a very good year," Pace said. "A year where we went to the national tournament. We're going to hang our (Region 23 championship) banner and we're going to be proud."

Severely outsized from the beginning and with players dropping like flies throughout the contest, the Lady Warriors gave the Vaqueras all they wanted in the first half.

CAC scored the game's first six points before the Lady Warriors went on a 10-0 run to go up 10-6 with 16:30 to go in the first half.

With 15:25 showing, KeKe Strambler hit a 3-pointer to put CAC up 12-10. ECCC's Sophia Reed went down with an ankle injury on the play. Although she later returned out of sheer necessity, Reed was never the same.

The Vaqueras, who were an inept 1-of-16 from 3-point range in a first-round loss to Cincinnati (Ohio) State, got three more trifectas over the next four minutes to stretch out to a 25-17 advantage.

For the game, CAC made 10-of-15 3s.

A three-point play from Nikki Lacour and a 3-pointer from Anna Udicova pulled ECCC within 25-22 with

Trailing 29-25, the Lady Warriors lost Margo Porter and her 16.3 ppg average with an injury to her left knee. She was unable to return.

Reed reentered with a noticeable limp and with a 3-pointer from Nicole Cox, a two-pointer from Lacour, and two free throws from Udicova, the Lady Warriors took a 32-31 lead with 5:44 left before intermission.

With 2:18 to go before the half ended, Lacour had to leave the floor due to a bloody leg after making the first of two free throws. Lori Cumberland came off the bench to make the second charity shot to pull ECCC back to within 38-36.

A basket by Lacour with 32 seconds remaining knotted the contest at 41-41 and the teams entered the break even in a half that saw five ties and eight lead changes.

ECCC's 41 points would have been impressive even without all the injuries as CAC was allowing just over 49 points per game.

"Whenever we lost so many players down with bleeding and injuries, etc., in the first half and the first part of the second half, it allowed them to concentrate and gave them a lot of confidence," Pace said of the Vaqueras.

"Margo Porter goes out and if you're on the other team, you've got to say we've just taken care of a third of their offense. And there wasn't even a foul on the play. Or at least one wasn't called."

CAC opened the second half with a 7-0 run and never trailed again.

ECCC snapped a 3:18 scoring drought with two free throws from Alberta Norman with 16:42 to play.

Udicova converted two freebies to close the gap to 48-45 before the bottom fell out.

The Vaqueras went on a 19-0 run in just over six minutes to break the game open as they pulled out to a 67-48 lead.

Cox was out with a bleeding elbow for much of that run, but later returned to the lineup.

After a basket by Lacour made ECCC's deficit 80-57, CAC coach Lin Laursen's run-it-up philosophy resulted in a 17-0 run primarily against the Lady Warrior bench.

ECCC, which finished 22-7, got 13 points from Cox, 12 points apiece from Lacour and Udicova, nine from Porter, and eight from Norman. Udicova had nine rebounds, while Cox had five. Udicova also had seven assists, while La'Shonda Ford had three steals.

"I think that our three (Porter, Cox, and Udicova) that have shown us so much leadership all year were playing really good when Margo's injury occurred," Pace said. "I think the other two continued to do as well as they could under the circumstances with the pressure that was being applied to them.

"They were giving so much help and we only get smaller when we sub."

CAC, 30-3, got 27 points from Strambler, 22 from Ida Dotson, 11 from Cathy Tommaney, and 10 each from Maria Eriksson and Tiffany Diggins. Felecia Pitts had 12 boards as the Vaqueras outrebounded ECCC 48-29.

"They are a very big team and a very physical team I might add," Pace said.

The Lady Warriors turned the ball over 20 times to CAC's 12. ECCC was 19-of-25 at the free-throw line while CAC was 6-of-11.

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Lady Warriors have a lot in common with Thunderbirds



By Marty Stamper

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SALINA, Kan. — The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College have never played the Thunderbirds from Cloud County (Kan.) Community College, but the two have an awful lot in common this year.

Both are in the NJCAA Women's National Basketball Championship this week when neither was expected to be here.

They will face each other tonight at 6:15 p.m. in the feature game of opening day action at the Bicentennial Center.

ECCC, 22-5, knocked off seventh-ranked Copiah-Lincoln 74-71 in the semifinals of the Region 23 Tournament, then whipped Northwest Mississippi 91-71 in the title game.

Cloud County, 27-7, bumped off fifth-ranked Independence (Kan.) 88-76 in the semifinals of the Region 6 Tournament and followed that up with a 77-73 overtime win over Seward County (Kan.) in the championship game.

Seward entered the contest 33-0 and ranked No. 1 in the NJCAA, while Independence was 31-1 before losing in the semifinals.

Seward had pummeled Cloud County by 43 and 21 points during the regular season. In a similar scenario, ECCC had lost by 23 and 30 to Co-Lin in regular-season action before beating the Lady Wolves in the regional.

"We came down here to win," Cloud County coach Brett Erkenbrack (261-121, 12th season) said of the regional. "We didn't come down here for a good show. That was the difference."

The Thunderbirds, located approximately 45 miles north of here in Concordia, are making their first trip to the nationals since 1983 and their fourth in school history.

ECCC's only other appearance in 1994 resulted in a seventh-place finish.

NJCAA National Championship

Both teams' colors are black and gold.

ECCC averages 79.0 points per game while giving up 67.7. Cloud County scores at a 78.3 per game clip while allowing 62.6.

The Lady Warriors are looking forward to seeing how they stack up with the hometown favorites.

"I think we've had two or three good practices here," ECCC head coach Sammy Pace said. "I thought today (at Kansas State University-Salina) was especially good. I thought our attitude was good and our effort was really good. Maybe that will pay off for us."

Both start 5-foot-3 sophomore scoring whizzes at guard.

Cloud County goes with point guard Miklannet Tennal who averages 20.9 points, 5.4 assists, and 2.3 steals per game. She was named MVP of the Region 6 Tournament.

Tennal isn't lacking for confidence. Following the T-Birds' win over Independence in which she scored 35 points, Tennal said, "I love that man-to-man defense (from the opposition). Can't play me man-to-man. I told them at the beginning, 'you can't press us.' Five minutes later, they took it off."

Tennal is an 87.2 percent free throw shooter. The T-Birds as a team shoot 74.8 percent at the charity stripe.

ECCC counters Tennal with Nicole Cox, a sophomore from Lake who averages 14.6 points and 3.6 rebounds. Cox hit five 3-pointers and scored 23 points in ECCC's win over Co-Lin.

Both teams suffered potentially disastrous personnel losses in the early season. ECCC lost sophomore forward Sasha Lilly to knee injury in the second game. Cloud County lost point guard Martina Mihailovic to a knee injury in the preseason.

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Margo Porter, a 5-foot-7 sophomore guard from Louisville, leads ECCC in scoring with a 16.3 average. She averages 5.6 rebounds and has scored in double figures in ECCC's last 14 games.

Anna Udicova, a 6-foot-2 sophomore post from Presov, Slovakia, adds 12.0 points and 6.7 rebounds.

Nikki Lacour, a 5-foot-8 freshman guard from Natchitoches, La., gives Pace's team 10.2 points and 5.4 rebounds.

Off the ECCC bench will come 5-foot-9 freshman La'Shonda Ford (3.9 ppg, 4.3 rpg), 5-foot-11 sophomore Alberta Norman (7.8 ppg, 3.6 rpg), and 5-foot-8 freshman Lori Cumberland (2.6 ppg, 2.3 rpg).

Cloud County opens with 5-foot-9 sophomore Laura Herman (14.2 ppg, 6.3 rpg), 5-foot-9 sophomore N'Keisa Richardson (10.6 ppg, 5.5 rpg), 5-foot-9 sophomore Paulette Valentine (12.6 ppg, 6.9 rpg), and 5-foot-6 freshman Heidi Fuchser (2.8 ppg, 2.0 assists) with Tennal in its starting lineup.

Top T-Bird subs are 5-foot-7 freshman Jenny Beamon (4.9 ppg), 6-0 freshman Theresia Smith (2.3 ppg), 5-foot-4 freshman Adriana Castaneda (3.4 ppg), and 5-foot-6 freshman Arenda Jackson (3.2 ppg).

Thanks to the Internet and some coaching friends, Pace has a pretty good idea what his team is up against.

"What we've got is just word-of-mouth information, but we think we do match up with them size-wise and maybe speed-wise. But they've got some styles in their play that really give us cause for concern and worry," Pace said.

"I'm really worried about their point guard and her aggressiveness. She has that coach's daughter mentality.

"I'm worried about their aggressive post play from two different players."

Both head coaches believe in a team concept.

"The junior college game has changed a lot in the last 25 or 30 years, most of it negative," Erkenbrack said. "We've lost a lot of the team concept. There's more 'me' and 'I.'"

Pace agrees.

"I'm an orthodox-type person when it comes to what we do." Pace said. "I like to set up and move the ball and use the post players, run screens, etc.

"One of my sophomores told me, 'I really hated this style of ball when I came in last year, but now I love it because I understand it.' I think that makes all the difference."

"We don't try to have a scoring leader. We try to say if you've got the ball and are in a scoring situation, then you try to score. We want to play under the total team concept."

All of ECCC's games may be heard on 98.3 FM, WSSI-Carthage.

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Cloud rains on East Central's parade

By Marty Stamper

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SALINA, Kan. — It was said prior to their opening-round matchup in the NJCAA Women's National Basketball Championship Tuesday night that East Central Community College and Cloud County (Kan.) Community College had a lot in common.

After they staged a battle that saw 16 lead changes and six ties, the difference in the two teams turned out to be one point.

Cloud County's Laura Herman scored from close range with 5.6 seconds left to give the Thunderbirds a 74-73 victory.

ECCC was unable to get a shot off as time ran out.

The Lady Warriors fell to 22-6 and now have to beat second-seeded Central Arizona, 29-3, Thursday at 10 a.m. to stick around for a shot at seventh place.

Central Arizona suffered a shocking 58-55 loss to Cincinnati (Ohio) State as the Lady Surge rallied from a 34-25 halftime deficit to claim a 58-55 win over the Vaqueras.

The ECCC-Central Arizona game may be heard over 98.3 FM, WSSI-Carthage.

ECCC's loss to Cloud was primarily due to offensive rebounding and free-throw shooting advantages by the Thunderbirds. Cloud held a 22-16 advantage in offensive boards and was 21-of-24 at the free-throw line compared to ECCC's 8-of-16 showing.

Cloud CCC 74
ECCC 73

"That's been our strengths all year long," Cloud coach Brett Erkenbrack said. "We're not very big, but I think we're a great rebounding team and we're an excellent free-throw shooting team and to win the close games, you've got to have those things."

After freshman guard Sophia Reed picked up two fouls in the game's first 42 seconds trying to guard Cloud scoring whiz Miklannet Tennal, the Lady Warriors settled down and took their biggest lead of the night at 13-6 on a 3-pointer from Nicole Cox with 15:17 left in the first half.

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Cloud used a 19-3 run to go up 25-16 with nine minutes left in the first half. A 3-pointer from Margo Porter was ECCC's only points in a span of nearly seven-and-a-half minutes.

Yet a 16-5 run put the Lady Warriors up 32-30 on two free throws from Cox with 2:28 to go before halftime.

Then came the first of two key plays that sent the T-Birds into halftime with a 38-32 lead. Cloud had only one second on the shot clock when it inbounded the ball, but Tennal promptly buried an open 3-pointer to put the T-Birds up 33-32 with 1:55 left in the first half.

Then N'Kiesa Richardson got an offensive rebound and stuck it back in as the horn sounded to give Cloud a 38-32 halftime bulge.

The Lady Warriors opened the second half with a 14-7 run to take a 46-45 lead on a basket by Cox with 16:42 remaining.

The game was one of runs throughout the night.

"That's what good teams do," ECCC head coach Sammy Pace said.

The teams swapped leads until Cloud pulled out to a 69-60 lead with 7:01 to go.

Two baskets from Anna Udicova pulled ECCC to within 71-68 and a 3-pointer from Cox capped an 11-2 ECCC run and knotted the war at 71-71 with 2:25 left.

Porter gave the Lady Warriors a 73-71 lead with 1:33 remaining.

Udicova was called for a foul on what appeared to be a clean block with 1:07 to go and Richardson made a free throw to cut ECCC's lead to one.

After two misses by ECCC from close range, the T-Birds got ball possession following a tie ball, then regained possession following a Tennal miss to set the stage for Herman's game-winning shot.

Cox led ECCC with 23 points and three steals. Porter had 22 points. Udicova scored 15 points and had 12 rebounds, five blocks, and four assists.

"Nicole's playing with severe stomach cramps," Pace said. "Margo's playing with a back that's hurting so bad now that she can't sit up. I don't know if she'll be able to play (Thursday)."

ECCC also got seven points, seven rebounds, and four assists from Nikki Lacour and six points, eight rebounds, and four assists from Alberta Norman.

Not a bad showing from a team that looked like the Christians headed to face the lions as Cloud definitely had a homecourt advantage with its 45-mile trip from here.

"We had three fans and they had about 4,000," Pace said.

"I thought it was going to be an advantage," Erkenbrack said. "I tell you, the crowd that we had was a double-edged sword. We had a great crowd that was really behind us, but we had a lot more pressure on us this week than we had last week and I think it showed.

"We were tight, but I really like East Central's team and I wish them well the rest of the week. They're very well-coached. They did a lot of things to hurt us tonight that no other team has been able to do to us."

Tennal led Cloud with 30 points that included an 11-of-12 showing at the free-throw line. Richardson added 15 points and nine rebounds. ..

• In other first-round games, Tyler (Texas) beat Western Nebraska 62-58, Tallahassee (Fla.) spanked Louisburg (N.C.) 72-52, top-seeded Midland (Texas) got past Wallace-Hanceville (Ala.) 72-66, and Jefferson College of Hillsboro, Mo., outscored Utah Valley State College 92-86 in double overtime.

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Up close and personal with ECCC women's basketball

Sammy Pace
Head Coach
16th season



Pace

Pace's 16th season has been a sweet one indeed as the Lady Warriors embark on their second trip to the juco nationals. The 1994 squad placed seventh under Pace's direction.

During Pace's 16 seasons, the Lady Warriors are 257-155.

He was chosen Outstanding Region 23 Women's Basketball Coach and MACJC state Women's Basketball Coach of the Year in 1994.

When practicing and planning ways to keep ahead of the likes of Copiah-Lincoln, Jones, Gulf Coast, and Pearl River aren't keeping him busy, Pace is also the athletic director at ECCC and serves as a part-time instructor.

Before coming to ECCC, the Lake native had a high school record of 134-57 while coaching at Hickory, Scott Central, and Sebastopol. His 1979 Scott Central team won the Class BB state championship, beating South Pontotoc 51-49 in the finals. The Scott Central girls went on to reach the finals of the overall tournament where they lost 74-70 to Duck Hill in overtime.

Jennifer Pace
Statistician
Freshman
Newton County HS

Pace is the daughter of ECCC Lady Warriors coach Sammy Pace and his wife, Virginia.

She graduated from Newton County High School and is currently enrolled in nursing school at ECCC.

Her longest trip was to Washington, D.C.

Danyell Hudson
Freshman
Student Assistant
Noxapater High School

Hudson played for coach Jason Gentry at Noxapater.

At Noxapater, she won the Class 1A state championship in the shot put which was her biggest athletic highlight prior to the Lady Warriors taking the Region 23 Tournament.

She plans to graduate from ECCC next year.

This is by far Hudson's longest trek from Winston County as she says her previous long journey was a trip to Biloxi.

Brittany Boney
Student Assistant
Sophomore
Heidelberg Academy

Boney played for the late William Housley at Heidelberg Academy where she was all-district for two years.

As a senior, she was team MVP and Best Offensive Player.

Boney plans to attend Mississippi State University next year to pursue her studies in veterinary medicine. Her longest trip was to Michigan.

Tiffany Chancellor
Student Assistant
Freshman
Enterprise HS

At Enterprise, Chancellor was a manager for coach Tommy Perkins' Lady Bulldogs.

She plans to return to ECCC next fall for her sophomore year.

Her longest trip was from Enterprise to Orlando, Fla., to see Walt Disney World.

LeAnn Pittman
Student Trainer
Sophomore
Heidelberg Academy

Pittman was a manager for the late William Housley's girls' team and Mickey Taylor's boys' team at Heidelberg Academy.

At HA, she received one of the first two Terry Ober All-Sport Awards, named for a former Rebel supporter who passed away.

Pittman plans to attend the University of West Alabama next fall and apply for the athletic training program.

Her longest trip was from Pachuta to Tampa, Fla.

Joey McLeod
Trainer
Fifth year

An athletic trainer with the Rush Sports Medicine team, McLeod is in his fifth season at East Central.

In addition to tending to the Warrior and Lady Warrior athletes, the Pascagoula native also provides assistance for area high school athletes.

McLeod is a graduate of the University of Alabama where he worked as a student trainer for four years. He is certified on both the state and national levels.

He also worked five summers with the New Orleans Saints.

Brad Hodge
Assistant Coach
Second season

A native of Russellville, Ala., Hodge is an assistant coach for both the Lady Warriors and Warriors. Prior to coming to ECCC, Hodge was an assistant men's basketball coach at Northeast Louisiana University from 1997-99.

He previously held the same position at Athens State College in Alabama and helped lead ASC to 38 wins in his two seasons.

Hodge started his coaching as a volunteer assistant at Geraldine (Ala.) High School. During his tenure, Geraldine advanced to the state Sweet Sixteen in going 22-8.

Adrea Smith
Sophomore
Filmer
Newton HS

Adrea is one half of Twin Productions, the film crew for the Lady Warriors and Warriors.

The other half is her twin sister Andrea. Andrea, however, was unable to make the trip to Kansas.

As a junior, Adrea was a good part of Newton's outside game as the Lady Tigers reached the Class 2A State Tournament where they lost 62-41 to Bruce in the championship game.

Adrea was named All-Division 7-2A.

She plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi next fall. Andrea was a manager that year for coach Arthur McMillan's team. Adrea's longest trip was to Michigan.



ECCC Lady Warriors win Region 23 championship

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Five Lady Warriors scored in double figures to lead East Central Community College to a stunning 91-71 victory over the Northwest Mississippi Community College women Thursday night for the Region 23 Tournament championship at Mississippi College's A. E. Wood Coliseum in Clinton.

East Central will now take its 22-5 records to the NJCAA Tournament, which got underway March 19 at Salina, Kansas. College officials estimate the trip to Kansas will cost in excess of $12,000 and fundraising efforts are underway to help send the team to the prestigious event.

The Lady Warriors' last appearance in the nationals came in 1994, when the tournament was held in Tyler, Texas.

After losing in first-round action, the EC women won three straight matchups and claimed the Consolation Bracket.

The Lady Warriors were also ranked seventh in the final juco poll.

East Central, which fell to Hinds in first-round action of the MACCJ South Division Tournament at Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit, obviously used the long layoff to their advantage in Region 23 competition.

The Lady Warriors upset current state champion Jones County 93-78 in first-round action , held on for a 74-71 win over nationally ranked Copiah-Lincoln in the semi-finals, then cruised to a 20-point thrashing over Northwest Mississippi, which finished runners-up in the state tournament.

ECCC 91, NORTHWEST 71.

Anna Udicova of Presov, Slovokia, scored 19 points to lead the Lady Warriors. Also scoring were Nikki Lacour, 18, of Natchitoches, LA; Margo Porter, 17, of Louisville; Sophie Reed, 15, of Forest; Nicole Cox, 13, of Lake; Alberta Norman, five of Newton; and Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy and La'Shonda Ford of Forest, two each.

Porter and Cox were also named to the All-Region Tournament Team.

The championship trophy was accepted by injured sophomore Sasha Lilly of Columbiana, AL, who has been out of the lineup since the second game of the season. Lady Warrior head coach Sammy Pace and team members designated Lilly to receive the honor.

Rhonda Cooper of Birmingham led Northwest (18-13) with 25 points.

East Central held a 45-33 advantage at halftime.

ECCC 74, CO-LIN 71.

Nicole Cox sank two free throws with 9.9 seconds remaining to help seal the three-point victory. Cox, who led EC with 23 points, had earlier connected on a three-point shot with 1:10 left which gave the Lady Warriors a 72-69 margin.

With the win, EC avenged two lopsided losses to the Lady Wolves during the regular season. The Lady Warriors fell 97-67 to Co-Lin in Wesson and were outscored 81-58 in Decatur.

In addition to Cox, other EC scorers were Porter, 20; Norman, 10; Lacour, eight; Udicova, seven; and Reed, six.

Mindy Lavavdis of Chalmette, LA led Co-Lin (24-2) with 23 points.

The Lady Wolves led 35-33 at the break.

ECCC 93, JONES 78

Margo Porter of Louisville pumped in 22 points to lead the Lady Warriors.

Other point makers were Norman, 18; Udicova, 14; Cox and Lacour, 12 each; Reed, nine; Fortd four; and Cumberland, two.

Tammika Sims of Quitman led Jones (23-8) with 31 points.

EC led the state champions throughout most of the contest and held a 41-33 advantage at halftime.

ECCC Lady Warriors in First Round NJCAA

East Central Community College's quest for a national women's basketball title begins at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, when the Lady Warriors take on Cloud County (Kansas) in first round action of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Women's National Basketball Championship being held in Salina, Kansas.

East Central, 22-5 and the Region 23 champion, is the number 10 seed while the 27-7 Lady Thunderbirds, winners of the Region 6 championship, are seeded seventh in the 16-team tournament. The EC/Cloud County winner will meet the winner of the Central Arizona /Cincinnati State (Ohio) victor at 8 p.m. Wednesday, with the losing teams in both matchups set to battle at 10 a.m. Thursday.

Competition continues through Saturday in the double-elimination tournament, with the national championship game scheduled for a 7 p.m. tip-off.

Tournament games will be webcast at www.bicentennial.org/main.htm. All ECCC matchups can also be heard on WSSI-FM (98.3) in Carthage, featuring veteran sportscaster Mike Goodwin.

ECCC seeks title in Kansas

By AUSTIN BISHOP
Sports Editor

SALINA, Kan. — The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College hope to have a long, successful stay in Kansas this week.

ECCC, 22-5 on the year, was set to take on Cloud County (Kansas) Community College at 6:15 p.m. in the first round of the NJCAA Women's National Basketball Tournament.

Cloud went into the game with an impressive resume. The 27-7 squad beat previously undefeated and No. 1 ranked Seward County and once-beaten Independence Community College to win the Region 6 crown.

"It's a very tough field," ECCC head coach Sammy Pace said of the 16-team tournament.

"Cloud County has a good record against ranked opponents, but we've beaten a few ranked people this year ourselves," Pace said. Among those ranked teams who fell to ECCC were Bishop (Ala.) State and Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

The Lady Warriors swept through the Region 23 Tournament by defeating Jones (93-78), Co-Lin (74-71) and Northwest Mississippi (91-71).

The games are being played at the Bicentennial Center, which seats more than 6,500.

If East Central wins they will play tonight at 8 against Tuesday's winner of the Cincinnati Tech-Central Arizona contest.

If the Lady Warriors lose, they will move to the consolation bracket to take on the loser of the Cincinnati-Central Arizona game.

The tournament will be played out to the top eight places, with the consolation bracket winner taking seventh place.

Other teams in the event are Eastern Oklahoma, Midland (Texas) College, Southwest Tennessee, Tallahassee (Fla.) Community College, Western Nebraska, Louisburg (N.C.) College, Wallace-Hanceville (Ala.), John A. Logan (Ill.), Utah Valley, Jefferson (Mo.) College, Tyler (Texas) Junior College and Iowa Western.

On the road with ECCC's Lady Warriors ...

When did you first believe?

This is the first in a series of stories about the Lady Warriors of East Central Community College as they participate in the NJCAA Women's National Basketball Championship this week.

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

SALINA, Kan. — Going into the Region 23 Tournament, Copiah-Lincoln was ranked No. 7 nationally, Meridian Community College was No. 21, and Jones had just won the MACJC state championship.

That didn't leave the Lady Warriors very high on the list of teams many thought could win the regional.



Reed

Today's question: *When did you believe ECCC could win the Region 23 Tournament?*

Quite a few ECCC players felt what Lady Warriors coach Sammy Pace labeled "an embarrassment," a 69-64 loss to Hinds in the first round of the MACJC South State Tournament, set the stage for ECCC's sparkling run through the regional. ECCC had beaten Hinds, which finished its season with only five wins, by 29 and 15 points during the regular season.

• "After the loss to Hinds in the South State Tournament. After this, I knew they would be determined to win the region," said Brittany Boney, sophomore student assistant from Heidelberg Academy.

• "After the loss to Hinds in the South State tourney," agreed LeAnn Pittman, sophomore student trainer from Heidelberg Academy. "The players came back for practice the next two weeks like never before. They really worked hard and you could tell that they were ready to win."

• "After we lost out of the South State Tournament, I knew that if we had another chance we could win and we got our chance in the region tournament and won," said Sophia Reed, freshman guard from Forest.

• "After we lost in the first round of South State and had those 15 days of practice. That game was a wake-up call," said Jessica Sanders, sophomore guard from Edinburg.

• "I believed that we could win the region tournament before it even started," said sophomore guard Nicole Cox from Lake. "We can beat any team if we play hard, give 110 percent, and play as a team."

• Some felt it was their destiny from the start of the 2000-2001 season.

"At the beginning of the season, but especially after we went through two weeks of hard practice after we lost to Hinds," said Lori Cumberland, freshman guard from Leake Academy.

• "I believed that we could win the region tournament ever since the end of my freshman year," said sophomore Sasha Lilly. "After taking a devastating loss to Itawamba in the first round last year, I made up my mind that if given another shot at the title, I would take it to the house and that is what we did."



Eichelberger

• "I believed all along that we could do anything if we set our mind to it," said Trelisa Eichelberger, freshman forward/center from Noxapater.

• "I felt the whole (region) tournament that we could win," said freshman guard Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, La. "All we had to do was play."

• "All year," said Anna Udicova, sophomore center from Presov, Slovakia.

• "I always believed in us because we're a team of confidence.

"We never, ever give up," said freshman guard Bernice Hannah of Louisville High School.

• "When I met all of my teammates and we started to practice together," said freshman forward La'Shonda Ford from Forest.

• "During our first few practices," said sophomore forward Alberta Norman from Newton.

• "When we played our first two games of the season because we played as a team," said sophomore guard Margo Porter from Louisville.

• "The first time they scored 100 points," said Danyell Hudson, freshman student assistant from Noxapater. (That happened in the season opener, a 100-62 blowout of then-No. 14 Bishop State.)

• "The first, second, and third times we scored 100 points," said Tiffany Chancellor, freshman student assistant from Enterprise. (ECCC also clocked Coahoma 102-44 and Southwest 102-61.)

• "The first game of the season," said freshman statistician Jennifer Pace of Decatur.

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Up close and personal with ECCC women's basketball

Alberta Norman
5-foot-11
Sophomore
Forward
Newton HS



Norman

Along with former ECCC standout Tonya Moncrief, Norman was half of Newton's inside tandem that got to the Class 2A state tournament in 1998.

Known as the Alberta Clipper during her high school playing days, Norman's junior year saw the Lady Tigers reach the 2A championship game where they lost 62-41 to Bruce.

Newton, coached by Arthur McMillian, ended Choctaw Central's two-year stranglehold on the 2A title with a 54-31 pounding in the semifinals.

At Newton, Norman was chosen All-Division 7-2A, Class 2A All-South State, and Most Talented.

She hopes to continue her playing career at a university next fall.

Her longest trip is a journey to Michigan.

Anna Udicova
6-foot-2
Sophomore
Forward/
center
Presov, Slovakia, OSG
Kosice HS



Udicova

While this is the longest trip several of the Lady Warriors have ever made, Udicova's big adventure was just getting to ECCC to play.

A native of Slovakia, Udicova has signed a scholarship to play at the University of Southern Mississippi next year. She plans to teach after getting her degree at USM.

She is averaging 12.0 points and 6.7 rebounds per game and has blocked 42 shots.

She played in Slovakia for Vladimir Karnay. Her biggest accomplishment prior to winning the regional was playing in the European championship for young women last summer. Six of the participants in that tournament are currently playing for the University of South Carolina.

Bernice Hannah
5-foot-3
Freshman
Guard
Louisville HS



Hannah

Hannah was chosen All-Division 2-4A and was named team MVP, Best Offensive Player, and team captain at Louisville under coach Sheila Hickman.

She was chosen for the high school all-star game. Her biggest highlight at Louisville was winning the Division 2-4A championship and playing in the first round of the state playoffs.

At ECCC, Hannah is averaging 3.5 points per game.

Hannah plans to return to ECCC and continue her career next fall.

Her longest trip has been a venture to Minnesota for a family reunion.

Jessica Sanders
5-foot-5
Sophomore
Guard
Edinburg HS



Sanders

Sanders played for coach Steve Moorhead at Edinburg.

She made all-division three years and was named the team's Best Offensive Player three years as well. As a senior, she also received the Eagle Award and was selected team MVP.

Sanders is averaging 2.1 points and 1.3 rebounds per game.

She plans to attend Mississippi State next fall and become a civil engineer.

Her longest trip was to Ohio for a Junior National Tournament her junior year at Edinburg.



ECCC ladies head to Kansas for national tourney

By Marty Stamper

The Meridian Star

DECATUR — With fresh legs underneath them, the East Central Community College Lady Warriors are ready to begin a voyage to what they hope ends with a national championship.

The Lady Warriors defeated MACJC state champion Jones (93-78), a 24-2 Copiah-Lincoln team that was ranked No. 7 nationally (74-71), and MACJC state runner-up Northwest Mississippi (91-71) to capture the Region 23 championship the first week of March.



Pace

Those wins earned the Lady Warriors one of 16 berths in the NJCAA Women's National Basketball Championship in Salina, Kan., next week. The first round of games is set for Tuesday with six contests on tap.

The 22-5 Lady Warriors will open with 27-7 Cloud County (Kan.) in the feature game Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. Cloud County shocked once-beaten Independence (Kan.) and previously-undefeated Seward County (Kan.) in back-to-back nights to win the Region 6 championship. Seward County was ranked No. 1 in the NJCAA women's poll at the end of the regular season, while Independence was No. 5.

The Region 6 Tournament was played in the same Bicentennial Center where the national championship will be settled. The facility seats 6,533 for basketball.

Joining the Lady Warriors and Thunderbirds in the 16-team field are 29-2 Central Arizona College, 24-8 Eastern Oklahoma State College, 32-1 Midland (Texas) College, 21-7 Southwest Tennessee Community College, 25-7 Tallahassee (Fla.) Community College, 24-7 Western Nebraska Community College, 28-4 Louisburg (N.C.) College, 24-6 Iowa Western Community College, 27-4 Cincinnati (Ohio) State Community College, 26-6 Tyler (Texas) Junior College, 31-1 Jefferson (Mo.) College, 24-9 Utah Valley State College, 22-9 Wallace State-Hanceville (Ala.) Community College, and 28-5 John A. Logan College of Illinois.

Lady Warrior head coach Sammy Pace gave his squad nearly all of the spring break week off after the March 8 win over Northwest in the Region 23 finals. The Lady Warriors returned to the ECCC campus Thursday for three days of practice before heading out for Kansas today at 5 p.m.

Pace has been to the national tournament before with the 1994 Lady Warriors placing seventh.

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"It means an awful lot to get to go to something like this," Pace said. "It's just an honor to be region champions against such as good field of Mississippi and Louisiana teams.

"To get to go to the national tournament is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for most kids at any level. We hope we can just go out and represent Mississippi and Louisiana as they should be represented.

"It's a very tough field. Cloud County has an extremely good record against highly-ranked opponents, but then we've beaten a few ranked people this year ourselves."

The time off was designed to get the Lady Warriors ready for a flourish in the final week of the 2000-2001 season.

"We had a few injuries that we wanted to heal up ... some bruises and some bad ankles. We wanted to get that back to where it needs to be for us to go out and play," Pace said.

"We just want everybody to go out and have a good game because I really don't think we've put together a 100 percent game yet. We're approaching that."

All of East Central's games can be heard on 98.3 FM, WSSI-Carthage.

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If you could have someone here to watch you play ...

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SALINA, Kan. — Obviously, everybody who wanted to follow the Lady Warriors to the national tournament couldn't do so. For one thing, it's a 20-hour drive if you stop three or four times for breaks along the way. For another, it's hard to take off from work for five days of games.

Today's question: *If you could have someone here to watch you play that isn't here, who would it be and why?*

• "My mother (Carolyn Nettles) because ever since I started playing basketball in the seventh grade until now, she has been to every one of my games except one in high school and about three or four games in college," said freshman forward La'Shonda Ford from Forest.

• "If I could have one person here to watch me it would be one of the wisest Christian men I know. He is an older man who is a friend of the family who never saw me play. It would be Mr. Coleman Moore because I know that due to my "minor" setback I would not be able to play, he would be tinkled pink just to see me standing on the sidelines and cheering my team on to victory," said sophomore forward Sasha Lilly of Columbiana, Ala., who suffered a season-ending knee injury in the second game of the season.



Lilly

• "My momma," said sophomore forward Alberta Norman from Newton.

• "Mother, because she has always wanted to follow me wherever I go," said sophomore guard Margo Porter from Louisville. "She loves basketball."

• "My mom because she is the light of my world," said freshman guard Sophia Reed from Forest. "She's always there for me and I love her more than anything in this world."

• "My mom because I would love for her to be here to share this great experience with me," said freshman guard Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, La.

• "All the players' mothers because they deserve to see their daughters play in the national tournament," said freshman student assistant Danyell Hudson from Noxapater.

• "My parents because they have always supported me in everything I've done," said sophomore guard Jessica Sanders from Edinburg. "Any game I have ever played in, they have been there.

"My dad even went to Ohio with me (for a junior national tournament) which was a great experience."

• "I couldn't just choose one person, but it would be my family," said sophomore guard Nicole Cox from Lake.

• "Dad," said freshman guard Lori Cumberland from Leake Academy. "I want my dad's support."

• "My mom because she loves the Lady Warriors," said Tiffany Chancellor, student assistant from Enterprise.

• "My parents and sister," said sophomore center Anna Udicova from Presov, Slovakia.

• "My mother because she is the most important person in my life," said freshman guard Bernice Hannah from Louisville.

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Lady Warriors face tall order in stopping CAC

By Marty Stamper

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SALINA, Kan. — To stay alive in the NJCAA Women's National Basketball Championship, the Lady Warriors of East Central Community College will have to beat the team that's been to the national tournament the most times and has the most wins in it.



Pace

The Central Arizona College Vaqueras are making their 21st appearance in the national tournament.

They won in 1989 and 1998, finished second in 1999, and placed third in 1997. They were sixth last year.

ECCC and Central Arizona tangle in today's consolation bracket at 10 a.m. The game may be heard on 98.3 FM, WSSI-Carthage.

The Vaqueras, who were the No. 2 seed entering this year's tournament, were giving up just 49 points per game before Tuesday's stunning 58-55 loss to Cincinnati (Ohio) State in which they blew a 13-point lead over the final 12 minutes.

Central Arizona shot just 27.8 percent (22-of-79) from the floor in the loss and was a dismal 1-of-16 (6.25 percent) from 3-point range.

"Don't ask me who that was today," Central Arizona coach Lin Laursen said following the loss. Laursen (744-125) is in her 30th season with the Vaqueras.

The 22-6 Lady Warriors will face a tall order in the 29-3 Vaqueras. Of the 11 players on Laursen's roster, seven are at least six feet tall.

Hanna Statsenka is a 6-foot-5 sophomore from Minsk, Bulus, while Tiffany Diggins (7.8 ppg, 4.7 rpg) is a 6-foot-4 sophomore from Des Moines, Wash.

Statsenka, however, has not played in the last two months.

Throw in 6-foot-2 Cathy Tommaney (6.6 ppg, 2.2 rpg), 6-foot-1 Nakia Holmes (9.8 ppg, 8.3 rpg), 6-foot Felecia Pitts (6.2 ppg, 5.9 rpg), 6-foot Shala Reese (13.0 ppg, 10.3 rpg), and 6-foot Katy Wilson for good measure.

Ida Dotson, a 5-foot-8 guard, leads the team in scoring with 15.7 ppg. KeKe Strambler adds 14.8 ppg and 5.3 rpg. Maria Eriksson averages 6.9 ppg.

"They have their big ones and then they have their large ones," ECCC head coach Sammy Pace said. "If one of the big girls is not playing very good, they just take her out and put in one of the large ones."

The Vaqueras' victims during the regular season include South Mountain (100-33 and 100-32), Glendale (90-57), Mesa (80-44), Pima (83-28 and 69-29), Kilgore, Texas, (88-50), Cochise (89-34), Scottsdale (81-37), Northland Pioneer (78-40), and Phoenix (81-54).

Obviously, there's no rest for the weary.

"I think our quarter of the bracket is the toughest quarter in the whole tournament," Pace said. "In all of the others, you've got one team that's pretty dang good, but then you've got several that's very good. In ours, they're all tough."

Only four of the 11 Vaqueras are from Arizona,as that state doesn't bind itself to the same district limitations MACJC members do. Two are from Texas, two from Washington, one from Oregon, and two are from other countries.

On the other hand, ECCC has just two active players from outside the Magnolia State.

"They can spread out all over the United States if they want to," Pace said. "I don't know why we wouldn't call this Western United States instead of Central Arizona. I think that would be a more appropriate name for their school.

"But we're East Central Mississippi and we're proud to be that. We're going to come in here and just play as hard as we can.

"We've had a lot of folks tell us how hard we played (against Cloud County) and how they enjoyed watching the team play. Even people from Cloud County came up to us and said we've got a really good ballclub. That makes us feel good.

"Somebody had to lose and now we're going to play this other one and see what happens."

ECCC and Central Arizona met in the 1994 national tournament with the Vaqueras taking a 78-71 opening-round win. The '94 Lady Warriors went on to finish seventh that year, beating Casper (Wyo.) 65-58, Truett-McConnell (Ga.), and Independence (Kan.) 71-62.

"I thought the reason we didn't do good against them then was we had some people that were nervous because it was the national tournament," Pace said. "I feel like maybe that was the case with our situation with Cloud County the other night.

"I feel like if we can stop some things that they are doing, which is going to be hard to do, then we've got a good shot."

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What does the national tournament mean to you?

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SALINA, Kan. — While some of the girls have played in high school state tournaments, a tournament at the national level is a new experience for almost all of them.

Today's question: *What does the national tournament mean to you?*



Sanders

• "A reward for all our hard work," said freshman guard Lori Cumberland from Leake Academy.

• "It is a great moment for me, not only have I worked hard this year to achieve a championship chance like this, but since I was in about the fifth grade I have dreamed about something like this," said sophomore guard Jessica Sanders from Edinburg.

"I think our team has really worked hard and we deserve to get to go."

• "Pride," said sophomore Sasha Lilly of Columbiana, Ala. "To obtain the national title, we have to have the ingredients of perseverance, respect, intensity, dedication, and effort."

• "It means a lot to me because I may never go this far in basketball again," said sophomore guard Margo Porter from Louisville. "And I have always wanted to be a champion."

• "Respect," said sophomore forward Alberta Norman from Newton.

• "It means a lot to me," said freshman guard Sophia Reed from Forest. "For it to be my first year playing, I'm very happy to play in the national tournament and I hope we are successful."

• "A chance for the Lady Warriors to gain respect and recognition for their dedication to this team," said Brittany Boney, sophomore student assistant from Heidelberg Academy.

• "It gives me an opportunity to represent my school and the state of Mississippi and Louisiana," said sophomore guard Nicole Cox from Lake. "It also gives us as a team the opportunity to go and show what we have."

• "Playing against the best teams in the USA," said sophomore center Anna Udicova from Presov, Slovakia, who played in the European championship for young women last summer.

Six of the girls in that tournament now play for the University of South Carolina.



Udicova

• "It means that we are one of the best teams in the nation and it is a chance to get the respect that we deserve," said freshman guard Nikki Lacour of Natchitoches, La.

• "Play hard, have fun, and the sophomores will get good recognition from senior colleges," said freshman forward La'Shonda Ford from Forest.

• "Gaining a lot of pride and respect from others," said freshman forward/center Trelisa Eichelberger from Noxapater.

• "Recognition," said freshman student assistant Tiffany Chancellor from Enterprise. "They deserve it."

• "Recognition. The team worked hard to win the region and they deserve it," said freshman student assistant Danyell Hudson from Noxapater.

• "I have always dreamed of winning a championship," said sophomore student trainer LeAnn Pittman of Heidelberg Academy. "Plus, it is great publicity for the sophomore players."

• "It means a lot to me, but even more to the sophomores because of the recognition," said freshman guard Bernice Hannah of Louisville.

• "This tournament is very special to me because my sister (Amy) was a part of the 1994 team that went to the national tournament In Texas and now I have the chance to be a part of a national team as well," said freshman statistician Jennifer Pace, daughter of ECCC head coach Sammy Pace and his wife, Virginia.

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WOMEN

N. Arizona 102, E. Central 61

Central Arizona, 30-3, made 54 percent of its field-goal attempts, including 10 of 15 from 3-point range, to eliminate East Central Community College in the NJCAA women's tournament at Salina, Kan.

Nikki Lacour led the Lady Warriors, 22-7, with 15 points.

WOMEN

East Central plays today

East Central Community College will play Central Arizona today at 10 a.m. in the consolation round of the NJCAA women's tournament at Salina, Kan.

—On to the nationals!!



COURTESY PHOTO

A trip to the NJCAA Tournament now awaits East Central Community College's Lady Warriors who cruised past Northwest Mississippi Community College 91-71 in the Region 23 Tournament finals held at Mississippi College in Clinton. The ECCC women, shown following the awards presentation, advance to the championship round by outscoring Copiah-Lincoln 74-71 on March 7 and outscoring Jones County 93-78 on March 6. Nicole Cox of Lake and Margo Porter of Louisville were named to the All-Tournament Team. The Lady Warriors left Saturday, March 17 for Selina, Kansas, site of the annual NJCAA Tournament. Tourney action began March 20 with finals scheduled on Saturday, March 24.

East Central takes Region 23 crown

❑ Lady Warriors begin National JC Tournament in Kansas on Monday

Five Lady Warriors scored in double figures to lead East Central to a stunning 91-71 victory over the Northwest Community College women Thursday night for the Region 23 Tournament championship at Mississippi College's A.E. Wood Coliseum in Clinton.

East Central will now take its 22-5 record to the NJCAA Tournament, which gets underway March 19 at Salina, Kansas.

College officials estimate the trip to Kansas will cost in excess of $12,000, and fundraising efforts are underway to help send the team to the prestigious event.

The Lady Warriors' last appearance in the nationals came in 1994, when the tournament was held in Tyler, Texas. After losing in first-round action, the EC women won three straight matchups and claimed the Consolation Bracket. The Lady Warriors were also ranked seventh in the final juco poll that season.

East Central, which fell to Hinds in first-round action of the MACJC South Division Tournament at Southwest Community College in Summit in late February, obviously used the long layoff to their advantage in Region 23 competition.

The Lady Warriors upset current state champion Jones County 93-78 in first-round action, held on for 74-71 win over nationally ranked Copiah-Lincoln in the semifinals, then cruised to a 20-point thrashing of Northwest, Thursday, March 8.

EC smashes Northwest

Anna Udicova scored 19 points to lead the Lady Warriors to a 91-71 victory in the Region 23 final.

➤ Lady Warriors from 7A

Also scoring were Nikki Lacour, 18; Margo Porter, 17; Sophia Reed, 15; Nicole Cox, 13; and Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, two.

Porter and Cox were also named to the All-Region 23 Tournament Team.

The championship trophy was accepted by injured sophomore Sasha Lilly, who has been out of the lineup since the second game of the season.

Lady Warrior head coach Sammy Pace and team members designated Lilly to receive the honor.

Rhonda Cooper led Northwest (18-13) with 25 points.

East Central held a 45-33 advantage at halftime.

Cox sinks Co-Lin

Cox sank two free throws with 9.9 seconds remaining to help seal the three-point victory, 74-71.

Cox, who led EC with 23 points, had earlier connected on a three-point shot with 1:10 left which gave the Lady Warriors a 72-69 margin.

With the win, EC avenged two lopsided losses to the Lady Wolves during the regular season.

The Lady Warriors fell 97-67 to Co-Lin in Wesson and were outscored 81-58 in Decatur.

In addition to Cox, other EC scorers were Porter, 20; and Alberta Norman, 10.

Mindy Lavavdis led Co-Lin (24-2) with 23 points.

The Lady Wolves led 35-33 at the break.

In the opening game of the tournament, a 93-78 win over Jones, Porter pumped in 22 points to lead the Lady Warriors.

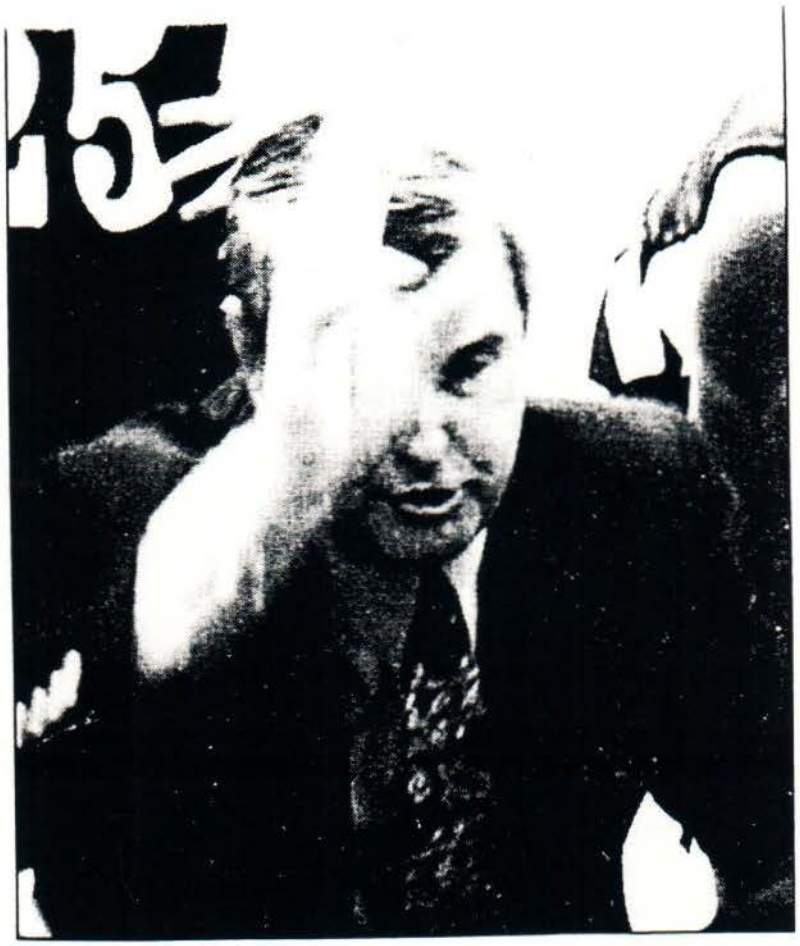
Other point makers were Norman, 18; Udicova, 14; Cox and Lacour, 12 and Cumberland, two.

Tammika Sims led Jones (23-8) with 31 points.

EC led the state champions throughout most of the contest and held a 41-33 advantage at halftime.

Contributions to help send the Lady Warriors to the national tournament may be sent to The Warrior Club, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327.

➤ See Lady Warriors on 8A



Nation wide

East Central Lady Warriors' coach Sammy Pace led his team to the Region 23 MACJC title last week. ECCC opens the National Junior College Tourney, Monday.

Cox, Porter named to All-Region 23 Team

East Central Community College sophomores Nicole Cox (left) of Lake and Margo Porter of Ellisville were named to the All-Region 23 Tournament team following the Lady Warriors 91-71 win over Northwest Community College Thursday night in Clinton. With the win, the East Central women claimed the Region 23 Championship and advanced to the NJCAA Tournament which will be held March 20-24 in Selina, Kansas. (EC Photo)



Lady Warriors win Region 23

by Marty Stamper

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors won their first Region 23 basketball championship since 1994 last week by beating MACJC state champion Jones, nationally-ranked Copiah-Lincoln, and MACJC state runner-up Northwest Mississippi at Mississippi College in Clinton.

The 22-5 Lady Warriors will leave Saturday for the NJCAA Women's National Championship at Salina, Kan. The 16-team tournament begins Tuesday.

• **EC women 93, Jones 78:** Margo Porter scored 22 points to lead the Lady Warriors to the quarterfinal win over the state champion Lady Bobcats on March 6.

EC held a 41-33 halftime advantage.

Alberta Norman added 18 points, Anna Udicova tossed in 14, Nicole Cox and Nikki Lacour both scored 12, and Sophia Reed added nine as EC improved to 20-5.

Tammika Sims led Jones, 23-8, with 31 points.

• **EC women 74, Co-Lin 71:** Nicole Cox knocked down two free throws with 9.9 seconds remaining to give the Lady Warriors a three-point lead and Margo Porter forced Co-Lin's Rusti Smith to use nearly all of the remaining time before firing an airball as time ran out in the March 7 semifinal.

EC trailed 35-33 at halftime of what basically was the title game.

Cox, who led EC with 23 points, snapped a 69-69 tie with a 3-pointer with 1:10 to play.

The win avenged 81-58 and 97-67 losses to Co-Lin during the regular season.

Porter added 20 points, Alberta Norman scored 10, Nikki Lacour had eight, Anna Udicova scored seven, and Sophia Reed had six for EC, 21-5.

Mindy Lavavdis led Co-Lin, 24-2, with 23 points. Christy Brown tossed in 20. The Lady Wolves were ranked seventh nationally.

• **EC women 91, Northwest 71:** The Lady Warriors placed five players in double figures in Thursday's championship win over the MACJC state runner-up.

EC led 45-33 at halftime and was never threatened in the second half.

Anna Udicova scored 19 points to lead EC, 22-5. Also scoring were Nikki Lacour with 18, Margo Porter with 17, Sophia Reed with 15, Nicole Cox with 13, Alberta Norman with five and Lori Cumberland and La'Shonda Ford with two each.

Porter and Cox were also named to the All-Region 23 Tournament Team.

The championship trophy was accepted by injured sophomore Sasha Lilly of Columbiana, Ala., who has been out of the lineup since the second game of the season with total reconstruction of her left knee. Lady Warrior head coach Sammy Pace and team members designated Lilly to receive the honor.

Rhonda Cooper led Northwest, 18-13, with 25 points. Crystal Boyland had 21.

• **Kansas bound:** EC will take a 22-5 record to the NJCAA Women's Championship which opens March 20 at Salina, Kan.

Thirteen of the 16 berths had been decided as of Monday. Joining EC are Central Arizona (29-2), Eastern Oklahoma State (24-8), Midland (Texas) College (32-1), Southwest Tennessee (21-7), Tallahassee (Fla.) (25-7), Western Nebraska (24-7), Louisburg (N.C.) College (28-4), Iowa Western (24-6), Tyler (Texas) (26-6), Utah Valley State (24-9), Wallace State-Hanceville (Ala.) (22-9), and John A. Logan (Ill.) (28-5).

College officials estimate the trip to Kansas will cost in excess of $12,000. Fundraising efforts are under way to help send the Lady Warriors to the prestigious event.

Contributions to help send the Lady Warriors to the national tournament may be sent to The Warrior Club, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327.

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMENS' BASKETBALL 1969-70-1984-85
1969-70 - 1973-74 CLUB TEAMS AND PLAYED AIAW BALL
1975-76 - 1984-85 PLAYED MISS. JUNIOR COLLEGE ASSN.
BALL AND PLAYERS WERE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS
REGION VII WAS COMPOSED OF MISS. TENN., & KY.
REGION XXIII IS COMPOSED OF MISS., & LA.

100 + Games for East Central

ECJC	119	UTICA	67 - 1980	ECJC GYM	(SOUTH DIVISION TOURNMENT)
ECJC	105	HOLMES	67 - 1985	ECJC GYM	
ECJC	102	HINDS	77 - 1977	ECJC GYM	
ECJC	101	EAST MS	99 - 1983	ECJC GYM	

Most Total Points in a Game

ECJC	101	EAST MS.	99 = 200	1983	at ECJC
ECJC	92	GULF COAST	96 = 188	1977	at GULFCOAST
ECJC	97	JONES	90 = 180	1980	at ECJC SOUTH DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
ECJC	119	UTICA	67 = 179	1980	at ECJC SOUTH DIVISION GAME

Most Free Throws Made in a Game

		Opponent	Place	Year	Hometown
18	Esther Thomas	Co-Lin	Co-Lin	1980	Louisville
18	Renee Willis	Hinds	Hinds	1973	Neshoba Cent
17	Joy Eichelberger	Jones	ECJC	1985	Louisville
16	Joy Eichelberger	Hinds	Hinds	1984	Louisville

Best Free Throw Percentage in a Game - 15 or more attempts

18-18	Renee Willis	Hinds	Hinds	1973	Neshoba Cen
17-19	Joy Eichelberger	Jones	ECJC	1985	Louisville
18-21	Ester Thomas	Co-Lin	Co-Lin	1980	Louisville
16-25	Joy Eichelberger	Hinds	Hinds	1984	Louisville

Most Free Throws Attempted in a Game - 15 and above

25	Joy Eichelberger	Hinds	Hinds	1984	Lousiville
21	Esther Thomas	Co-Lin	Co-Lin	1980	Louisville
19	Joy Eichelberger	Jones	ECJC	1985	Louisville
19	Joyce Waltkins	East Miss.	ECJC	1978	Lake
18	Renee Willis	Hinds	Hinds	1973	Neshoba Cen
17	Mattie Burnside	East Miss.	ECJC	1983	Noxapater
17	Diana Lyons	Hinds	ECJC	1977	Neshoba Cen
16	Joy Eichelberger	Clarke	ECJC	1984	Louisville
16	Joy Eichelberger	East Miss.	Holmes	1984	Louisville

Most Field Goals made in a Game - 15 and Above

20	Evelyn Bender	Meridian	ECJC	1975	Newton
19	Evelyn Bender	Meridian	Meridain	1974	Mewton
19	Diana Lyons	Gulf Coast	Gulf Coast	1977	Neshoba Cen
18	Mattie Burnside	Hinds	ECJC	1983	Noxapater
18	Mattie Burnside	Clarke	ECJC	1983	Noxapater
16	Evelyn Bender	East Miss.	East Miss.	1975	Newton
16	Evelyn Bender	Gulf Coast	Gulf Coast	1974	Newton
16	Joy Eichelberger	Holmes	ECJC	1985	Louisville
16	Diana Lyons	Co-Lin	ECJC	1977	Neshoba Cent
16	Mattie Burnside	Hinds	ECJC	1983	Noxapater
15	Diana Lyons	Meridian	ECJC	1977	Neshoba Cent
15	Evelyn Bender	Itawamba	ECJC	1975	Newton
15	Rita Barber	Northeast	Northeast	1974	Hickory

Rebounds per Game - 15 and above - Information Incomplete Years missing

24	Diana Lyons	Utica	1977	Neshoba Cent
24	Diana Lyons	Gulf Coast AT Gulf Coast	1977	State Tourname Finals
22	Diana Lyons	Holmes	1976	Neshoba Cent
22	Diana Lyons	Gulf Coast	1976	" "
22	Diana Lyons	Co-Lin	1976	" "
21	Diana Lyons	Co-Lin	1977	" "
20	Diana Lyons	Meridian	1977	" "
20	Diana Lyons	Pearl River	1977	" "
20	Charlene Jones	Gulf Coast	1979	Forest
19	Charlene Jones	Jackson State Tn.	1979	"
19	Joyce Watkins	Utica	1979	Lake
19	Debbie McBeath	East MS	1980	Sebastopol
19	Diana Lyons	Hinds	1977	Neshoba Cent
18	Diana Lyons	Jones	1977	" "
18	Joyce Watkins	East MS	1979	Lake
18	Joyce Watkins	East MS	1979	"
18	Joyce Watkins	Northwest (State Championship Game at ECJC)	1980	"
17	Joyce Watkins	Co-Lin	1979	"
17	Charlene Jones	Shelby State, TN	1979	Forest
17	Mattie Burnside	Hinds	1983	Noxapater
17	Joyce Watkins	Utica	1980	Lake
17	Diana Lyons	Gulf Coast	1977	Neshoba Cent
17	Diana Lyons	Jones	1977	" "
17	Diana Lyons	East MS (Semi-Finals State Tournament at Gulf Coast)	1977	" "
16	Sandra Edwards	Holmes	1980	Neshoba Cent
16	Jo Ann Earnest	Co-Lin	1980	Scott Cent.
16	Sandra Edwards	Utica	1980	Neshoba Cent.
16	Joyce Watkins	East MS	1979	Lake
16	Diana Lyons	Southwest	1976	Neshoba Cent
16	Diana Lyons	East MS	1977	" "
16	Joyce Watkins	Southwest	1980	Lake
16	Joyce Watkins	Jones (South State Championship at ECJC)	1980	"
16	Charlene Jones	Holmes	1979	Forest
16	Debbie McBeath	Co-Lin	1980	Sebastopol
15	Reathia Comans	Gulf Coast	1979	Sebastopol
15	Joyce Watkins	Holmes	1979	Lake
15	Joy Eichelberger	Delta	1984	Louisville
15	Mattie Burnside	East MS	1982	Noxapater
15	Jo Ann Earnest	Co-Lin	1982	Scott Central
15	Joyce Watkins	Utica	1979	Lake
15	Charlene Jones	Uitca	1979	Forest
15	Charlene Jones	Pearl River	1979	"
15	Charlene Jones	Co-Lin	1979	"
15	Charlene Jones	Gulf Coast	1979	"
15	Julie Lathem	Gulf Coast NORTON	1977	State Tourname Finals at Gulf Coa
15	Sheila Ward	Pearl River		Lake Mid.
15	Diana Lyons	Utica	1976	Neshoba Cent
15	Julie Lathem	Co-Lin	1977	Norton
15	Diana Lyons	Gulf Coast	1976	Diana Lyons

No records on Diana Lyons freshman year.

30+ Points in a Game

Points	Name	Opponent	Place	Year	High School
30	Joy Eichelberger	Delta	ECJC	1984	Louisville
30	Joy Eichelberger	Southwest	ECJC	1983	Louisville
30	Joy Eichelberger	Utica	ECJC	1985	Louisville
30	Joy Eichelberger	Hinds	Hinds	1984	Louisville
30	Jeanette Barnes	Hinds	Hinds	1977	Carthage
30	Sheila Welch	Meridian	Meridian	1979	Decatur
30	Debbie McBeath	Southwest	Southwest	1979	Sebastopol
30	Esther Thomas	Co-Lin	ECJC	1980	Louisville
30	Esther Thomas	Jones	ECJC	1979	Louisville
30	Charlene Jones	Hinds	Hinds	1979	Forest
31	Joy Eichelberger	East Miss.	East Miss.	1984	Louisville
31	Jo Ann Earnest	Gulf Coast	Gulf Coast	1982	Scott Central
31	Joy Eichelberger	Itawamba	Co-Lin	1985	Louisville
31	Mattie Burnside	Utica	Utica	1983	Noxapater
31	Mattie Burnside	Gulf Coast	ECJC	1983	Noxapater
31	Joy Eichelberger	Pearl River	ECJC	1984	Louisville
31	Joy Eichelberger	Clarke	Clarke	1983	Louisville
31	Diana Lyons	Pearl River	ECJC	1977	Neshoba Centr
31	Diana Lyons	Meridian	ECJC	1977	Neshoba Centr

31	Diana Lyons	Holmes	ECJC	1976	Neshoba Centr
31	Esther Thomas	Southwest	ECJC	1980	Louisville
31	Evelyn Bender	Co-Lin	ECJC	1976	Semi-finals State Tournament
31	Esther Thomas	Southwest	ECJC	1978	Louisville
31	Esther Thomas	Utica	ECJC	1979	South Divisio Louisville
31	Rita Barber	Northeast	Northeast	1974	Hickory
32	Joy Eichelberger	Pearl River	ECJC	1985	Louisville
32	Pam Lee	Holmes	Holmes	1977	Neshoba Centr
32	Pam Lee	Co-Lin	ECJC	1978	Neshoba Centr
32	Evelyn Bender	Itawamba	ECJC	1975	Newton
32	Mattie Burnside	Hinds	ECJC	1983	Noxapater
33	Debbie McBeath	Holmes	ECJC	1979	Sebastopol
33	Esther Thomas	Utica	Utica	1980	Louisville
33	Evelyn Bender	Co-Lin	Co-Lin	1975	Newton
33	Evelyn Bender	Itawamba	ECJC	1975	Newton
33	JEanette Barnes	Southwest	ECJC	1977	Carthage
34	Mattie Burnside	East Miss.	ECJC	1982	Noxapater
34	Evelyn Bender	East Miss.	East Miss.	1975	Newton
34	Charlene Jones	Meridian	Meridian	1977	Forest
34	Evelyn Bender	Itawamba	ECJC	1975	Newton
34	Esther Thomas	Hinds	ECJC	1980	Louisville
35	Joy Eichelberger	Gulf Coast	ECJC	1985	Noxapater
35	Mattie Burnside	East Miss.	ECJC	1982	Noxapater

Points	Name	Opponent	Place	Year	High School
36	Evelyn Bender	Gulf Coast	Gulf Coast	1974	Newton
36	Diana Lyons	Co-Lin	ECJC	1977	Neshoba Centr
37	Joy Eichelberger	Holmes	ECJC	1985	Louisville
37	Evelyn Bender	Northwest	ECJC	1975	Newton
38	Joy Eichelberger	Jones	ECJC	1985	Louisville
40	Evelyn Bender	Meridian	Meridian	1975	Newton
41	Joy Eichelberger	Clarke	ECJC	1984	Louisville
42	Evelyn Bender	Meridian	EJCJ	1974	Newton
42	Mattie Burnside	Hinds	ECJC	1983	Noxapater
44	Esther Thomas	Co-Lin	Co-Lin	1980	Louisville
45	Diana Lyons	Gulf Coast	Gulf Coast	1977	Neshoba Centr
45	Mattie Burnside	Clarke	ECJC	1983	Noxapater

Most Points Scored in an away Game:
Diana Lyons----------45 at Gulf Coast 1977

Most Points Scored at ECJC by an ECJC Player:
Mattie Burnside----------45 Clarke 1983

Most Points Scored by an opponent in ECJC's Gym:
Linda Darty, Jones----------42 points 1979

Leading Scorers in the History of ECJC:
Joy Eichelberger--------1,292 in 54 Games -- 23.9 ave. Louisville
Esther Thomas----------1,203 in 57 Games -- 21.1 ave. Louisville
Debbie McBeath----------1,085 in 50 Games -- 21.7 ave. Sebastopol
Evelyn Bender----------1,081 in 42 Games -- 25.7 ave. Newton
Diana Lyons----------1,030 in 54 Games -- 19.0 ave. Neshoba Central

All-Region VII (MS, TN, KY)
1977 - Jeanette Barnes - Carthage
Diana Lyons - Neshobs Central
1978 - Pam Lee - Neshoba Central
Charlene Jones - Forest
All Region VII Tournament Team
Charlene Jones - Forest
1979 - Charlene Jones Forest
Esther Thomas - Louisville
All Region VII Tournament Team
Charlene Jones - Forest
Esther Thomas - Louisville
1980 - Esther Thomas - Louisville
All-Region VII Tournament Team
Esther Thomas - Louisville
1981 - Debbie McBeath
1982 - Joe Ann Barnest
All-Region XXIII (MS & LA)
1983 - Mattie Burnside - Noxapater
1984 - Joy Eichelberger - Louisville
1985 - Joy Eichelberger - Louisville
Kodak All Region XI Team (MS, LA, ARK, TX, NM)
1983 - Mattie Burnside - Noxapater
1985 - Joy Eichelberger - Louisville
Junior College National All-Star Game - Hutchinson, KS
1985 - Joy Eichelberger - Louisville
National Junior College All-American
1985 - Joy Eichelberger - Louisville (2nd Team)
Mississippi Junior College All-State(AIAW)
1970 - Debbie Harvey - Forest
Deborah Norwood - Louisville
Rosalyn Rogers - Morton
1971 - Betty Nester - Lake
Debbie Harvey - Forest
1972 - No Team
1973 - Rene Willis - Neshoba Central
Rita Gibbon - Hickory
Jo Munn - Decatur
1974 - Annette Duncan - Neshoba Central
Gloria Hollingsworth - Scott Academy

Lynn Russell - Decatur

Mississippi Junior College All-State

(Miss. Junior College Association)

1975 - Evelyn Bender - Newton
Rita Barber - Hickory (2nd Team)

1976 - *Evelyn Bender - Newton
Diana Lyons - Neshoba Central

1977** - Diana Lyons - Neshoba Central
Jeanette Barnes - Carthage

1978 - *Pam Lee - Neshoba Central
Charlene Jones - Forest

1980†† *Esther Thomas - Louisville
Debbie McBeath - Sebastopol

1981†† *Debbie McBeath - Sebastopol
Sheila Welch - Decatur (2nd Team)

1982 - *Joe Ann Earnest - Scott Central
Shelia Welch - Decatur
Pam Coleman - Leake Academy (2nd Team)
1983 - *Mattie Burnside - Noxapater
1984 - Joy Eichelberger - Louisville
1985 - *Joy Eichelberger - Louisville
Beverly Chambers - Morton (2nd Team)
*No. 1 Choice by Coaches for All-State in Division (based on votes of 1-10)
**Leading Rebounder Region VII
††Leading Scorer in the state

Mississippi Junior College All-Star B.B. Game

1978 - Tammie Tadlock - Morton
Lucille Wood - Coach
1979 - Charlene Jones - Forest (MVP)
Carla Halley - Morton
1980 - Esther Thomas - Louisville (MVP)
Joyce Watkins - Lake
Mona Tucker - Forest
1981 - Debbie McBeath - Sebastopol
Lucille Wood - Coach
1982 - Jo Ann Earnest - Scott Central
Sheila Welch - Decatur
1983 - Mattie Burnside - Noxapater
1984 - Dayna Williamson - Philadelphia
1985 - Joy Eichelberger - Louisville
Beverly Chambers - Morton
Lucille Wood - Coach

Earline Wood Alumni Memorial

Goes to a sophomore who shows outstanding leadership both on and off the basketball court. One who is team person with a good attitude toward her fellow players and one who does her best in academic studies.

1965 - Betty Tadlock - Forest
1966 - Grace Lovern - Thomastown
1967 - Ann Reese - Neshoba Central
1968 - Sandy Puckett - Scott Central
1969 - Linda Chandler - Louisville
1970 - Deborah Norwood - Louisville
1971 - Debbie Harvey - Forest
1971 - Wanda Blackwell - Union
1972 - Glenda Watson - Morton
1973 - Rita Gibbon - Hickory
1974 - Annette Duncan - Neshoba Central
1975 - Lynn Russell - Decatur
1976 - Evelyn Bender - Newton
1977 - Diana Lyons - Neshoba Central
1978 - Tammie Tadlock - Morton
1979 - Charlene Jones - Forest
1980 - Joyce Watkins - Lake
1980 - Ester Thomas - Louisville
1981 - Tina Tumbling - Newton
1982 - Jo Ann Earnest - Scott Central
1983 - Mattie Burnside - Noxapater
1984 - Jennifer Hatcher - Nanih Waiya
1985 - Beverly Chambers - Morton

Team with Best Overall Record -- 1975-76 20-6
Team with Best Division Record -- 1979-80 12-2

1970 - State Champions (Club Team AIAW)
1973 - State Champions (Club Team AIAW)
Region Tournament at West Georgia University
1974 - Fourth in State (Club Team AIAW)
Miss. Junior College Assn. Teams
1976 - North Division Champions

	Team in State Tournament
Defeated Itawamba at EMJC	East Central★
State Champions	Itawamba
Defeated Itawamba at ECJC	Co-Lin
(Did not play in Region Tourn.; school had not paid dues)	Southwest

1977 - Second in South Division	East Central Jr. College
Lost to Gulf Coast at	Gulf Coast★
Co-Lin	East Ms. Jr. College
Second in State	Coahoma
Lost to Gulf Coast at	
Gulf Coast	
Region VII Tournament at Cleveland, TN.	
1978 - Second in South Division	East Central

Lost to Southwest at Hinds — East Ms. Jr. College*
Third in State — Coahoma
Lost to East Ms. at Coahoma
Region VII Tournament at Cleveland, TN.

1979 - South Division Champions — East Central*
Defeated Hinds at East Central — Hinds
State Champions — Coahoma
Defeated Northwest at East Central — Northwest
Region VII Tournament at Harriman, TN.

1980 - South Division Champions — East Central
Defeated Jones at ECJC — Jones
Lost to Coahoma at Northwest — Coahoma
Region VII Tournament at Northwest Junior College — Northwest *

1985 - Second in South Division — EAST CENTRAL
Lost to Co-Lin at Co-Lin — CO-LIN
Fourth in State - Lost to Northeast at East Central — NORTHEAST *
Region 23 Tournament at Co-Lin

* State Champions


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Region XXIII — East Central Community College — Warriors

Decatur, Mississippi

No.	Name	Ht.	Class	Hometown
4	Sha Coleman	Fr.	5'6"	Decatur, MS
5	Jaleesa Sanders	Fr.	5'8"	Walnut Grove, MS
12	Rashima Jenkins	Fr.	5'9"	Bossier City, LA
15	Allison Phillips	Fr.	5'8"	Carthage, MS
21	Mystee Dale	Fr.	5'8"	Philadelphia, MS
22	Tanesha Brown	So.	5'6"	Jackson, MS
23	Alisha McAfee	Fr.	5'5"	Brandon, MS
24	Michaela Lee	Fr.	5'11"	Nanih Waiya, MS
25	Jordan Patterson	So.	5'6"	Aberdeen, MS
31	Tawayatha Evans	So.	5'9"	Newton, MS
32	Chotsani Henderson	So.	5'4"	Newton, MS
34	Nicole Williams	Fr.	5'8"	Newton, MS

TEAM HOST



Archie Riggs



Enrollment: 2,500
Season Record: 22-6
Head Coach: Billy Smith
Assistant Coach: Blessing Chekwa
Athletic Director: Terry Underwood
President: Dr. Phil A. Sutphin
Colors: Black & Gold

Region XXIV — Southeastern Illinois College — Falcons

Harrisburg, Illinois

No.	Name	Ht.	Class	Hometown
3	Carolyn Mills	5'9"	Fr.	Nashville, TN
5	Armelie Lumanu	5'9"	So.	Kinshasa, Congo
10	Chanel Mokango	6'4.5"	So.	Kinshasa, Congo
11	Ashely Grimes	5'8"	RF	Detroit, MI
20	Rima Kalonda	6'3"	So.	Kinshasa, Congo
21	Christina Rozier	5'7"	So.	Miami, FL
22/55	Tiffany Haggen	6'0"	So.	Detroit, MI
23	Lydia Young	5'11"	So.	Detroit, MI
24	Michelle Carr	6'2"	So.	Detroit, MI
25	Stephanie McSparin	6'2"	Fr.	Marion, IL
54	Chanel Gomez	6'3"	Fr.	Perth Amboy, NJ

TEAM HOST



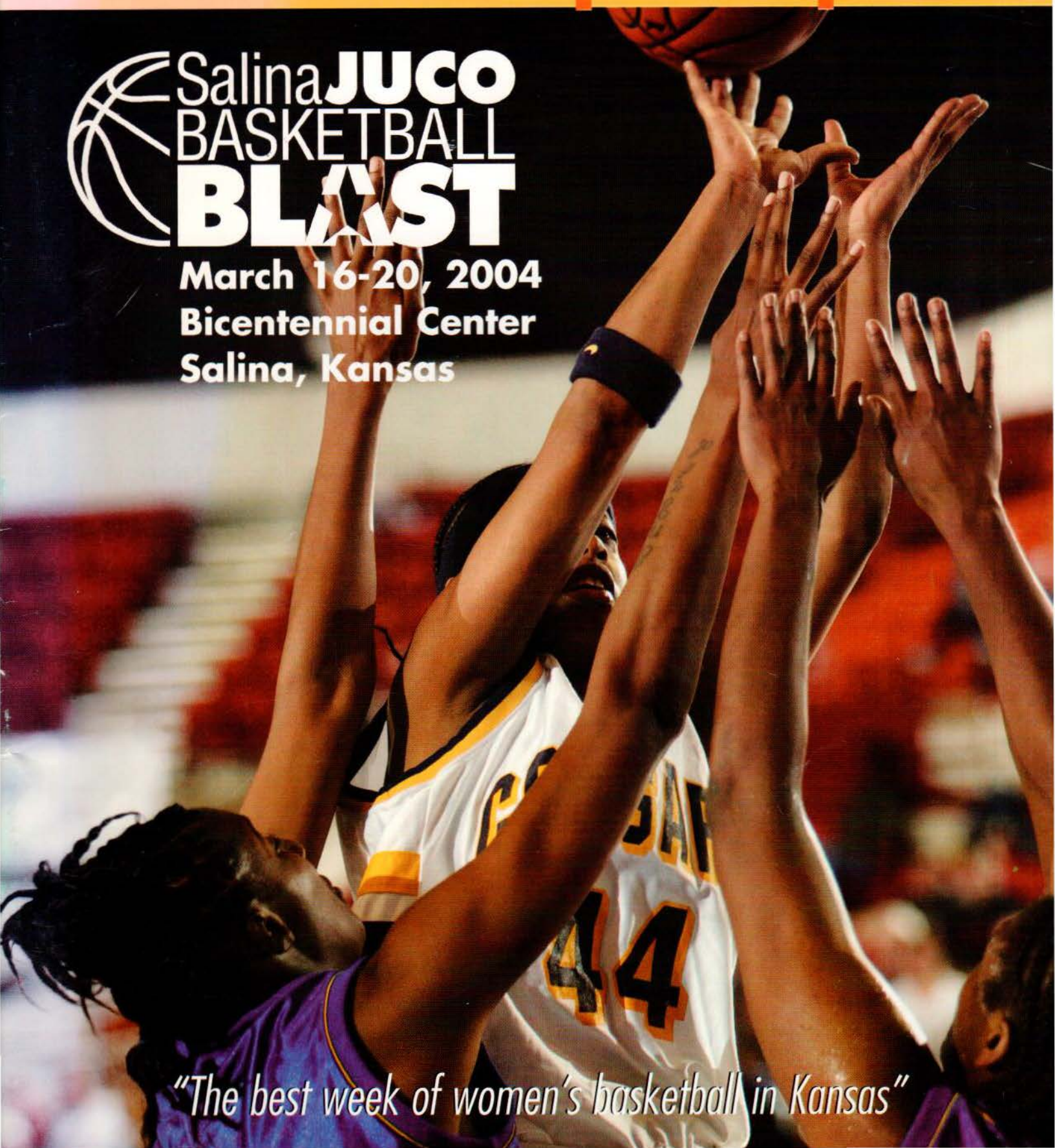
Patrick Salmans



Enrollment: 3,500
Season Record: 31-2
Head Coach: Franqua "Q" Bedell
Assistant Coaches: Troy Barton
Athletic Director: Franqua Bedell
President: Dr. Ray Cummiskey
Colors: Blue, White & Yellow

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East Central Comm. College

Decatur, Mississippi

LADY WARRIORS

Region XXIII

No.	Name	Ht.	Class	Hometown
4	Kimyatta Viverette	6' 0"	So.	Lake, MS
11	Kristin Chaney	5' 6"	Fr.	Little Rock, MS
12	Roxana Rogers	5' 7"	Fr.	Lake, MS
15	Ebone'e Leverette	6' 0"	So.	Forest, MS
20	Kim Cox	5' 7"	Fr.	Lake, MS
21	Lenore Gray	6' 1"	So.	Newton, MS
22	Monique Overstreet	5'11"	So.	Walnut Grove, MS
23	Britney Burks	5' 9"	So.	Forest, MS
24	Kotreece Bender	5'10"	Fr.	Lawrence, MS
25	Rita Birden	5'10"	So.	Monroe, LA
30	India Backstrom	5'11"	Fr.	Philadelphia, MS
33	Hope Murray	5' 9"	So.	Soso, MS
34	Miranda Rosar	5'11"	So.	Union, MS

Enrollment:
2,700
Season Record:
29-2

TEAM HOST



ARCHIE RIGGS



Head Coach:
Brad Hodge

Assistant Coach:
LaCole Brooks

Athletic Director:
Terry Underwood

Colors:
Black and Gold

Southeastern Illinois College

Harrisburg, Illinois

FALCONS

Region XXIV

No.	Name	Ht.	Class	Hometown
3	Danielle Russia	5' 5"	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
5	Lakisha Miller	5' 6"	Fr.	Decatur, IL
10	Jessica Powers	5'11"	Fr.	Eastman, GA
11	Juliana Fernandes	5'10"	Fr.	Florianopolis, Brasil
12	Brooke Walker	5' 9"	Fr.	Toledo, OH
14	Stephanie Willis	5'10"	So.	Eldorado, IL
20	Krystal Miller	5' 8"	Fr.	Detroit, MI
21	Wanika Owsley	5' 8"	So.	Indianapolis, IN
22	Daiana Canaver	6' 1"	Fr.	Suzano, Brasil
23	Andrea Roberson	6' 1"	Fr.	Merritt Island, FL
24	Simone Jackson	5' 9"	So.	Kingston, Jamaica
25	Tomika Hall	6' 2"	Fr.	Kingston, Jamaica
30	Crystal DeLorch	5'10"	So.	Louisville, KY
54	Derrica Jones	5' 8"	Fr.	Hopkinsville, KY

Enrollment:
2,500
Season Record:
28-5

TEAM HOST



PATRICK SALMANS



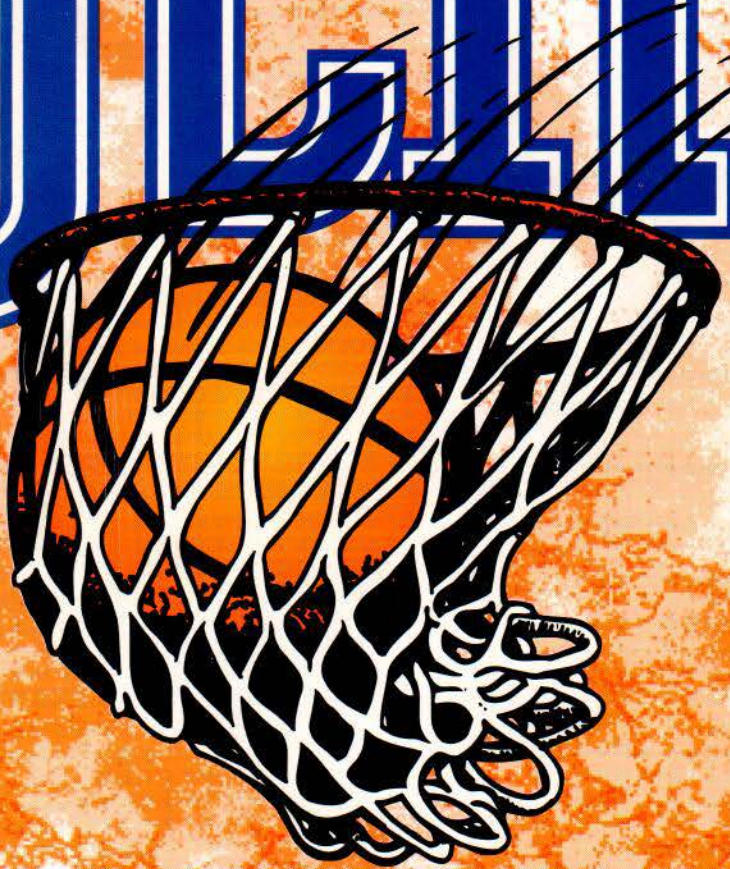
Head Coach:
Greg Franklin

Assistant Coaches:
Kyle Herring
Pat Franklin

Colors:
Black and Blue

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Region XXIII

East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi

Lady Warriors

Head Coach and
Athletic Director—Sammy Pace
President—Dr. Eddie M. Smith
Enrollment—1,400
Colors—Black and Gold
Season Record—25-6

No.	Name	Ht.	Class	Hometown
11	Rena Reed	5'5"	S	Forest, MS
12	Kitty Thrash	5'5"	F	Sebastopol, MS
14	J.J. Moorehead	5'5"	F	Union, MS
15	Wilma Cooksey	5'8"	F	Lake, MS
20	Maria Riley	5'4"	F	Carthage, MS
21	Genia Griffin	5'5"	F	Morton, MS
22	Evelyn Nelson	5'11"	F	Forest, MS
23	Cyntia Ellis	5'7"	F	Hickory, MS
24	Memory Hunter	5'9"	S	Philadelphia, MS
25	Carla Leflore	5'6"	S	Carthage, MS
30	Jamala Odom	5'8"	S	Forest, MS
32	Nikki Ross	5'10"	F	Carthage, MS
33	LaDonna Robinson	5'10"	F	Forest, MS
35	Dane Vance	6'2"	F	Philadelphia, MS
52	Monica Davis	6'2"	F	Banks, AR



Region XXIV

John A. Logan College
Carterville, Illinois

Lady Volunteers

Head Coach—Gary L. Barton
Assistant Coach—Kellie Mason
Athletic Director—John Sala
President—Dr. Ray Hancock
Enrollment—3,499
Colors—Royal Blue and Grey
Season Record—30-2

No.	Name	Ht.	Class	Hometown
10	Andrenette Lynch	5'8"	F	Chicago, IL
12	Kristie Silvius	5'6"	S	Marion, IL
20	Natalie Hall	5'6"	S	Shawneetown, IL
21	Kellie Nicholson	5'10"	S	West Frankfort, IL
24	Lucinda Pansing	5'10"	F	Metropolis, IL
25	Tina Epps	5'5"	S	Chicago, IL
30	Sheila Leopold	5'8"	F	St. Louis, MO
32	Rotasha Richardson	5'6"	S	Wynne, AR
40	Towana Alhaleem	6'0"	S	Flint, MI
43	Carolina Reyes	5'9"	S	Chicago, IL
50	April Fort	5'10"	F	Scott County, MO
52	Darice Taylor	6'1"	S	Detroit, MI
54	Lavitte Henry	6'1"	F	Chicago, IL